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On Reforms, Yeltsin Seems To Choose Not to Choose

By Steven Erlanger New York Times Service

MOSCOW — After the strong vote for extremists of the right and left, President Boris N. Yeltsin had a serious choice to make about the pace and kind of economic reform. But in his first post-election news conference, there was no indication he has made that choice.

His decision to keep Yegor T. Gaidar, a current first deputy prime minister and leader of the reformers, means the probable continuation of a government so divided that it has been unable to pursue a consistent economic strate-

After two years of on-again, off-again policy that can scarcely be called coherent, many Russian voters rebelled against the instability of this uncharted transition to a market econo-

In response, Mr. Yeltsin spoke of the need to balance the fight against inflation, which is over-

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15 percent a month and sure to increase, against

helping the poor.

He also said he would like to provide more social benefits to ease the pain of those who are suffering from the slow transition to a market economy, echoing a wish expressed by U.S.

micials.

But Mr. Yeltsin did not speak at all about where such money might come from, or about the consistent plea of the reformers and the International Mometary. Fund that Russia spend less money on subsidizing bankrupt and inefficient industries.

In essence, Mr. Yelisin has followed the usual pattern of the past two years, which is to try to please everyone. And after the harsh message of unhappeness expressed in the elec-tions, the number of constituencies he has to please has mercase

It appears inevitable, from what he said and did not say, that the pace of economic stabilization and structural change, especially for Russia's industrial behancets, will be significantly slower. The emphasis is likely to be less on stabilization than on production, investment and social welfare.

But the West and the Clinton administration also have a choice to make, going beyond state-ments in Washington about finding 'less shock and more therapy for the Russian people."

The administration's talk about the success

of its Russia policy has turned quiet, raising doubts about its assumption that the new Russia will be friendly and Western-oriented, and patient with the chaos of economic transforma-

Now, countries in central and eastern Europe security and "partnerships for peace," the phrase used by the administration to bring those nations into NATO without making them

As for Russia itself, Washington may be under pressure to consider a more active engagement — and an even larger commitment of funds. For two years, the West has claimed that the

success of the Russian transition toward de-See YELTSIN, Page 6



A Moscow mother trying to comfort her son after he found that the Christmas tree he was admiring was too expensive for them.

European Stocks Rise On Hope of Recovery

Predictions of Lower Interest Rates Spur Major Markets to New Highs

By Jacques Neher

PARIS - Believing that 1994 will bring lower interest rates and economic recovery. investors Thursday pushed major stock markets across Europe to records ahead of the

London's Financial Times-Stock Exchange index of 100 leading shares soared 40.8 points to 3.396.50, setting a record for the second time this week. The Paris CAC-40 index jumped 17.23 to a new high of 2.243.02 on heavy trading, while Frankfurt's DAX index of 30 leading stocks set its fourth consecutive record, rising 25.33 points to 2,222.84.

"It's an accumulation of positive hopes for lower interest rates and expectations that we will have a fundamentally better 1994," Peter Pietsch, an economist with Commerzbank in Frankfurt, said.

Though these expectations that Europe would emerge from its worst economic crisis since World War II have been present in the markets for several weeks, he said, "the psychology of Christmas" gave an added boost to investor sentiment over the last few days.

"Investors are anticipating a year-end and first-quarter rally," said Oliver Kamm, European equities strategist for stockbroker James Capel. European markets have a history of rallying in the first quarter.

He said the stock markets had not yet fully discounted the interest-rate cuts expected to be made by the Bundesbank, Germany's central bank, in the next few months.

Mr. Kamm said he expected an "early, subby the Bundesbank, and expected other countries linked to Germany in Europe's exchange rate mechanism to "emulate these actions."

He predicted that short-term rates in Germany, now just under 6 percent, would fall to 5.1 percent by the end of the first quarter of 1994 and 4.3 percent by the end of the second quarter. He said he saw German rates hitting a low of 3 percent by early 1995.

As a result, he predicted, stock markets across Europe will rise 10 percent to 25 percent over the next 12 months.

In London, the buying spree caused big or sold shares they did not yet own in expectathemselves in a bind as they struggled to buy back stock ahead of the holiday weekend, with

sellers holding out for higher prices.

"They have been scrambling around for stock," said Ian Harnett of Société Générale Strauss Turnbull in London said.

London's other major indicator, the Financial Times 30-share index of industrial stocks. rose 35.5 points, or 1.4 percent, to 2,549.40. Trading volume surged to 885.4 million shares from 779.2 million shares Wednesday.

In Paris, dealers said the market had moved up on strength in the bond market, increasing optimism about the French economic outlook for 1994 and expectations of cuts in short-term interest rate cuts by the Bank of France early in

Finance Minister Edmond Alphandery of France also cited hopes of interest-rate cuts in cussing the stock market's rise, as well as improved corporate profits.
"The Bourse is doing better for two reasons,

he said. "The first is the fall in interest rates." "The second is medium-term expectations whole bad," he said.

Among the day's biggest gainers were the travel and leisure concern Club Mediterranée SA, which closed at 345 francs (\$59.35) a share, up 21, or 7.5 percent, after falling 4,2 percent Wednesday when the company announced a record loss for 1993 of 290 million francs.

The electrical equipment maker Schneider SA, which advanced 4.6 percent, was the most

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F.A.O. Schwarz: Toy Store That Can't Play The Game

By Stephanie Strom

New York Times Service NEW YORK - Neither rain, nor sleet, nor snow nor the depths of recession seems to shorten the line of people shivering outside the F.A.O. Schwarz flagship store in Manhattan during the holiday season, awaiting a chance to wander through the closest thing to Santa's workshop south of the North Pole, The "toy" soldier standing at the main entrance salutes to more than 50,000 people each day at this time of year. Many are torrists who inclu le the Schwarz store at Fifth Avenue and 58th Street on their itinerary in the same way they do the Empire State Building or the World Trade Center.

But despite its ability to delight and inspire with talking teddy bears, a Barbie boutique and \$8,200 miniature gas-powered Mercedes cars, the renowned toy store chain has trouble turning a profit, under its current Dutch ownership as under previous owners.

Sales at the 25 stores across the United States have marched steadily forward, more

40 percent in the last two years alone. But when there were any profits in the last decade, they were small, and materialized only briefly between 1987 and 1989 before giving way again to red ink.

A succession of four owners between the early 1960s and 1986 threw up their hands at ever making money at Schwarz. The fifth, an investment group that backed Schwarz management in a buyout in 1986, and then sold the company in 1990, said the company

sales during its ownership, a figure the few analysts who follow the company question.

The analysts say the company's higher costs of business, including expensive real estate, and its singular quality make it difficult not only to make a profit but also to expand its operations. And in an era when low prices excite shoppers far more than interesting displays and wonderful ambiance.

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Hamas Offers Cease-Fire, 'Giving a Chance' to Rabin

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

GAZA CITY, Israeli-Occupied Gaza Strip The Islamic Resistance Movement, or Hamas, announced for the first time on Thursday a unilateral three-day cease-fire to give Israel a chance to recorrocate

The armed wing of Hamas in the occupied territories, Ezzedin Kassam, said in a statement issued in Gaza that it would halt attacks from Thursday until Sunday.
"We are giving a chance" to Prime Minister
Yitzhak Rabin to order the Israeli Army to

Israelis and the PLO will meet in Cairo after talks in Paris failed. Page 7.

cease fire, said Hamas, which is opposed to the accord between Israel and the Palestine Libera-tion Organization on limited Palestinian auton-

omy in the occupied territories. Meanwhile, a small bomb planted near the Church of Nativity in Bethlehem was defused on Thursday by the Israeli Army, military sources said it was michar who placed the device, a pipe bomb, in Manger Square the night before Christmas Eve celebrations.

Hamas called on Mr. Rabin to announce on Israeli television that the army would not open fire on Palestinians and that it would disarm A Jewish settlers who are to leave the occupied territories in the next three months under the

Hamas also called for the dissolution of the special Israeli Army units whose members are disguised as civilians and assigned to pursue wanted Palestinian activists. It further demanded the immediate freeing of about 11.000 Pales-

unian detainees. The organization threatened to pursue its struggle until "the last soldier leaves Palestine" if its demands were not met.

The first Christmas celebrations in six years in Bethichem, meanwhile, were in jeopardy

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Thursday because of a dispute over Palestinian

flags hoisted over Manger Square.

Israel insisted the flags be removed as illegal national symbols. PLO officials in Bethlehem threatened to cancel Christmas festivities if Israel took the flags down. The square is next to the Church of the

Nativity where tradition says Jesus was born. Thousands of Christian pilgrims and visitors from around the world were expected to pack the square Friday for Christmas Eve celebra-

Bethlehem's Palestinian mayor, Elias Freij, had announced that the city would hold lavish Christmas festivities for the first time since 1987, when the Palestinian uprising, or intifada, began. During the past six years, uprising activists permitted only religious observances.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and the PLO chief, Yasser Arafat, were drawn into the con-

frontation Thursday, with aides quoting both as vowing not to compromise. El Fatah, Mr. Arafat's wing of the PLO, hoisted the flag up a five-meter pole outside City Hall on Tuesday. The Israelis were fuming. When the mist cleared the pole was bare and

Palestinians were furning. El Fatah accused the army but the Israeli authorities did not publicly admit doing the deed. El Fatah activists climbed to the City Hall roof and unfurled two flags. But it was the pole

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A Palestinian flag being put up next to a Christmas tree in Bethlehem on Thursday.

U.S.-Korea Split Narrows Nuclear Talks With North Will Continue

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches SEOUL - The United States and North Korea have narrowed their differences and are closer to agreement on UN inspections of

North Korean nuclear installations, reports in

the South Korean press said Thursday.

A spokesman at the State Department in Washington confirmed only that the two sides had conducted an unscheduled meeting in New York on Wednesday at U.S. request, but would not characterize the session.

He said the United States intended to pursue its contacts with North Korea at the same level, between Ho Jong, a member of the North Korean delegation to the United Nations, and Thomas C. Hubbard, a deputy assistant secre-

The Yonhap news agency, in a dispatch from Washington, quoted diplomatic sources as saying after the latest meeting that North Korea had displayed more flexibility, but failed to give "a definite yes" to full inspection of nuclear

North Korea made a counterproposal in talks on Monday that resulted in enough progress to warrant another session in New York on Wednesday, South Korean officials said. North Korea has previously refused to allow international inspections of suspect nuclear sites, reinforcing suspicions that it is developing nuclear weapons, which it denies.

"You could say there are forward move-ments." Yonhap quoted a senior official as saying. "The very fact that the contacts are

occurring quickly signifies the differences be-tween North Korea and the United States are not very big."

"They appear to have made progress, but some issues still remain," said Suk Ryul Yu, director-general of the South Korean Foreign Ministry's Department of National Security and Unification Studies. One unresolved issue is a U.S. insistence that

North Korea agree to resume contacts with South Korea, he said. He did not provide other details of the negotiations. Yonhap quoted a senior South Korean offi-

cial as saying that at the latest "contact," the Americans had stipulated that the resumption of an inter-Korean dialogue on the nuclear issue and meaningful negotiations were a precondition to a overall solution. President Kim Young Sam of South Korea,

meanwhile, asked Secretary-General Butros Butros Ghali of the UN in Seoul on Thursday to convey international concern to North Ko-

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UAL Employees Inherit Airline And Its Woes

By Lawrence Malkin International Herald Tribune

NEW YORK - Buffeted by competition and the downdraft of a weak economy, UAL, one of America's Big Three airlines, has devised a new way for the industry to deal with its problems: hand them over to its employees. But will it flv?

Competitors of United Air Lines, industry analysts and senior officials of the Clinton administration were divided, but they are likely to see a test of their theories if stockholders and rank-and-file workers approve the deal struck by UAL directors and leaders of its two main unions to turn the airline into the largest employee-owned company in the United States.

The deal with the pilots and machinists union, which was approved by UAL's board Wednesday, involves the 77,000 U.S. employees that United expects to have when and if the accord is completed in the spring. They would accept a 20 percent cut in wages and benefits for a period of at least six years in exchange for 53 percent of the stock in UAL Corp., the airline's parent.

The stock would be deposited in a blocked account known as an Employee Stock Ownership Plan — ESOP for short — which collects dividends and can be withdrawn only on leaving the company or retiring. Because of U.S. laws covering ESOPs, United's 6,000 employces abroad are not eligible.

If the airline's performance improves in a year and its stock price goes up by one-third, the employees' stake may increase by a further 10 percent - not an impossibility because airline performance is already improving along with the U.S. economy. The industry moved from a \$1.25 billion loss in the second quarter of this year to a \$1.3 billion profit in the third

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Wig Disguised Castro's Fleeing Daughter

been estranged from her father and refers to him as a "tyrant," fled her homeland Monday, leaving her teenage daughter behind. She was flown to Spain and was granted political asyhim by the United States.

"You have to realize the desperation it takes to turn a person's core to iron to withstand the hardship of escape and the possibilities that there may be no hope of seeing your child again," she said Thursday.

"I dream of going back there, of going any-where," she said last year. "But I'll never be able to leave, like a lot of other people here."

The State Department called her defection "one more illustration of the lack of freedom and lack of hope which pervade Cuba today." Representative Lincoln Diaz Balart, Republican of Florida, a native of Cuba, said it is very symbolic of the national consensus in Cuha" against Mr. Castro.

During the 1980s, Mrs. Fernandez was denied permission to emigrate with her husband, a Mexican who eventually returned to his coun-

She once told Andres Oppenheimer, who wrote a book about Mr. Castro: "What do I think about Cuba's socialism? I used to believe

Clinton to Release Investment Papers WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bill Clinton instructed his personal attorney Thursday to give the Justice Department all

documents relating to his investment in an Arkansas real estate partnership that has been linked to a failed savings and loan that is under federal investigation.
"The president has voluntarily decided to release these documents for whatever rele-

vance they may have to any Department of Justice law enforcement inquiries," the White House communications director, Mark He said the order covered "all documents

relating to the Whitewater Development Corp.," the real estate venture in which the Clintons were partners. Earlier article, Page 3.

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For holiday skiing, check conditions in the Trib's weekend ski report. Page 18. **Business/Finance**

News Corp.'s STAR TV bought 49.9 percent of an Indian cable broadcaster. Page 11. Four Italian construction companies are planning to merge.

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Alina Fernández Revuelta, who has long

COLUMBUS, Georgia — Fidel Castro's daughter said Thursday that she had used a wig and faked Spanish passport to sneak out of Cuba and defect to the United States. and her mother were in Paris in 1964.

> The Clinton administration, exile groups and members of Congress all agreed her departure reflected the difficult conditions in Cuba.

The former fashion model had been living quietly with her daughter in Havana.

in it when I was very little. But now, Cuban socialism is a dead-end street. In my mind, I associate it with economic collapse, with food ZAGREB, Croatia — Bosnian Serbs and Croats have halted aid convoys to more than 1.5 million people trapped by war in much of Bosnia, the United Nations said on

They have "basically stopped our activities in Sarajevo, central Bosnia, eastern Bosnia and Bihac," said Alemka Lisinski, spokeswom-an for the UN High Commissioner

"It is against all commitments made by the parties at the highest levels," she said. "The situation is at the very least deeply worrying. There is a dramatic need for aid

Slobodan Lovrenovic, a spokes-

Discussions On Partition Collapse

BRUSSELS — Negotiations be-tween leaders of Bosnia's warring parties collapsed Thursday, and the leader of the Bosnian Serbs threatened to proclaim his own state unless Muslims accepted his peace

Radovan Karadzic said after the talks that the Serbs had met the European Community demand to give Muslims one-third of Bosnia in a future union of three autonomous republics. But, he said, since the Muslims had rejected it, the Serbs would proclaim their "own sovereign state" on the 70 percent they now hold.

'Now we don't see any reason for a union." Mr. Karadzic said. adding that the deadline for Muslims to accept the Serbian proposal was Jan. 15, when the leaders of Bosnian Muslims, Serbs and Croats are to meet again in Geneva.

In rejecting a Croat-Serb offer, the Muslim-led government said the "quality" of the offered land was not satisfactory.

The Bosnian delegate to the United Nations, Muhamed Sacirbey, played down Mr. Karadzic's threat, saying that when the leaders meet in Geneva. the Serbs will have to offer better territory.

But after the talks, the European Community mediator, Lord Owen. said the Bosnian Croats, Serbs and Muslims agreed to enforce a ceasefire, starting Thursday, until the new round of talks in Geneva.

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ment then, he stressed that this is ignored. could happen only if the belligerents showed political will.

man for the Bosnian Croat leader. Mate Boban, said the closure "is not to be judged a political decision," and a change of Croatian attitude toward safe delivery of aid. He said the halt likely would last

Rebel Serbs were already obstructing UN convoys to Muslim enclaves in eastern Bosnia and blocking road deliveries into Sarajevo when the Bosnian Croats dealt the worst blow — closing Bosnia's western border from Croatia.

The Croats said the border was sealed temporarily in a step pro-voked by escalating attacks on Croats by troops of the Muslim-led

osnian Army. UN humanitarian officials said that meant that more than a million people — Muslims and Croats — in areas already gravely short of food, medicine and proper shelter would be deprived of relief sup-

Earlier on Thursday, a UN refugee official in Sarajevo said Bosni-an Serbs had cut land links under their control to the capital, forcing the UN to mount a special airlift to the city on Christmas Day.
In Sarajevo, Bosnian Serbs on

Thursday marked the start of what was to be a Christmas truce with the crack of sniper rifles and thud of shells that killed at least six and wounded 55 persons.

Thursday's shelling and sniping followed two days of the most intense shelling of Sarajevo in two



(Reuters, AP) A wounded Croatian talking with his girlfriend in an improvised hospital in Vitez, Bosnia.

CIA Says Bosnia Views Still in Debate

WASHINGTON - The Central Intelligence Agency says that a document described in a New York Times article as embodying the agency's conclusions on the crisis in Bosnia-Herzegovina reflects continuing discussions among analysts and not the settled judgment of the agency.

A CIA spokesman described the document as an unclassified memorandum summarizing various arguments made at a symposium this month by government intelligence spe-cialists and academic experts on the Balkans. The article describing the document was published in Thursday's editions of the International Herald Tribune.

On a copy of the document given to a Times reporter on Monday, the heading and a footnote are obscured and a final page is

A copy of the document supplied by Kent-Harrington, the CIA's director of public affairs, bears the heading "National Intelligence Council - Symposium Notes, 3 December 1993" and a footnote that says in part. "The views expressed in this memorandum do not necessarily reflect the views of the National Intelligence Council or the intel-

The article said the CIA had concluded that the economic embargo imposed on Ser-bia 18 months ago was likely to deteriorate

accept the ethnic partition of Bosnia. It cited several passages from the symposium notes to support those generalizations,

Both the Bush and the Clinton administrations have backed UN sanctions against Ser-bia to punish it for its role and have backed an integral Bosnia. A CIA conclusion to the contrary would therefore open a significant gulf between the agency and the White House, but Mr. Harrington insisted that no such judgment had been reached.

He said that the National Intelligence Council was focusing on Bosnia and that the Dec. 3 symposium was part of that process.

Ethiopia Opposition Vows 'Struggle' Beijing Fires The Meles government is domiic process had been "curtailed,"

By Jennifer Parmelee

Although Lord Owen said he the country to its first free elections hoped there could be a peace settle- and promised a struggle if the call

> A conference of about 50 small al will. political, trade and religious groups 1991, must be challenged (AP, Reuters) said Wednesday that the democrate expires in mid-January.

YEAR-END U.S. STOCK

MARKET ROUND-UP

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Privatization in Europe.

exchanges.

but stopped short of declaring the nated by former rebels who forced "There is no need for pessimism if—it's a very big if—if the cease—Ethiopian opposition groups have fire holds." Lord Owen said

ADDIS ABABA. Ethiopia—transitional government of President Meles Zenawi illegitimate. as Mariam in 1991, while the opposition proposition opposition oppositi called for a new government to lead some of its participants have done tion includes members of the now

But a conference statement said the government's mandate, set by a transitional national charter in July 1991, must be challenged because it

representatives of ethnic groups.

Mr. Meles has said Ethiopia's first free elections for a constituent assembly will be held in May, with general elections to be held after the new parliament adopts a constitution now being drafted. He said he expects the electoral process to be completed by the end of 1994.

Western governments, including the United States, have urged the Meles government to extend the transition period to guard against a repeat of rushed local elections in June last year that were marred by allegations of abuse and harassment of opposition groups.

An opposition conference spokesman, Taye Assefaw, said a "Council of Alternative Forces on Peace and Democracy" would be formed to help set up a govern-ment. He said free and fair elections could not be held in a political climate he described as "undemocratic," and that the group would try to convince the Meles government to work with it.

"None of us is going to raise a gun to" the heads of government officials "and say step down," said Mr. Taye. "But what we are asking is on what legal basis can they stay on? There is no provision

in the charter for another extension, so naturally the government's legitimacy will end Jan. 15." The group would pursue a "strategy of struggle" if the Meles government rejected its proposals.

Aviation Boss After Crashes

BELIING - China removed its civil aviation chief on Thursday following a year of air disasters and mounting concern that poor supervision was eroding passenger safe-

Jiang Zhuping, director of the Civil Aviation Administration, was demoted to deputy director and replaced by Chen Guangyi, the official Xinhua news agency reported.

The State Council also elevated the post to a cabinet-level position. Mr. Chen, 60, is a member of the Communist Party central commit-tee and has served as the local party

chief in coastal Fujian province. He has a background as an engineer specializing in electrical motors. No official reason was given for Mr. Jiang's demotion. But aviation circles have been filled with rumors that he would be made a scapegoal for a series of crashes and for fail-

ing to maintain safety standards. This year was one of the worst on record for the agency. Nearly 70 people died in at least three air crashes, and a record nine airliners have been hijacked to Taiwan since

Last year 276 people died in a series of accidents over a fourmonth period late in the year.

Passenger loads have been increasing about 20 percent a year, and China's estimated 39 airlines have been adding aircraft in an effort to keep up with demand.



WORLD BRIEFS

High Water

Continues

Rampage

In Europe

By Rick Atkinson

in more than 60 years spread pre-

Christmas misery across Western Europe on Thursday as rampaging

More than a week of rain

cials placed preliminary,damage es-

timates in the tens of millions of

dollars and predicted that some re-

zions would remain under water on

At least five people in Germany were missing and feared drowned,

according to news reports. In Ko-blenz, where the Mosel River emp-

ties into the Rhine, officials report-

ed that one-quarter of the city was

under water in what was described

as a 100-year flood.
An estimated 4,000 houses were

swamped - some with water

reaching the second story - and

tens of thousands of people were without electricity or gas. At least 1,000 residents who refused evacu-

ation were being supplied with

food and potable water by boat, a scene repeated elsewhere in the riv-

About 150 kilomters (90 miles)

down the Rhine in Cologne, the

river surged over an emergency

flood wall crected Wednesday

including scores who were evacuat-

ed with dinghies from the narrow

streets below the city's cathedral.
German disaster officials said

the Rhine and Mosel appeared to

have crested harring more heavy rains, although emergency officials in Cologne expected water would not recede below the critical 10-

meter (33-foot) level until Friday

flood disaster official said. "We

now have things under control."

"The situation has stabilized," a

In Bonn, where the Rhine

climbed to 10 meters above flood

stage, eclipsing the old high-water mark set in 1926, water lapped at

the steps of the government's new \$160 million parliament building

Water stood a meter deep on

streets close to the river and

flooded portions of the U.S. am-

bassador's residence. Several other

U.S. officials were forced to evacu-

Officials in northern France de-

rivers topped their banks. An elder-

In central Paris, the Seine was

rising and within a few inches of

flooding the riverfront expressway. Rail lines and roadways were re-portedly cut in a number of places

in Western Europe, including the Paris-Brussels rail line. Shipping was halted on the Rhine, the princi-

pal north-south commercial water-

way in Europe, and was not expect

to resume until next week.

Kohl Trails

Opposition

In Poll, 53-37

BONN — Chancellor Hel-mut Kohl is trailing the Social Democrat opposition leader, Pudolf Scharring in the latest

Rudolf Scharping, in the latest

opinion poll on next October's

In the poll, for German public service television, only

37 percent wanted to see Mr.

Kohl retain his post, while 53 percent favored Mr. Scharp-

ing, figures released Thursday

Mr. Kohl was "politically

finished," according to 56 per-cent of those polled, and 68 percent felt that government

measures to tackle unemploy-

A general election now would see the Social Demo-

crats easily ahead with up to

46 percent of the vote com-

pared with 33 or 34 percent for the Christian Democrats.

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Washington Post Service BERLIN — The worst flooding

IRA Delays Response to Peace Bid

BELFAST (AP) — The Irish Republican Army declared a 72-hour Christmas cease-fire on Thursday, but out off a decision on British and

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Applients.

Christmas cease-fire on Thirsday, our factor of the brief cease-fire has been expected, although there had been some hopes the outlawed organization would call a longer halt this year, in response to the "framework for peace" announced last week by Prime Minister John Major of Britain and Prime Minister Albert Reynolds of

They called for a permanent end to IRA violence, and offered its political allies a place in negotiations on the future of the province. The IRA statement said: "As of midnight December 23, and for the 72 hours thereafter, across service units of the IRA across the occupied six counties." will temporarily suspend military operations."

Rühe Rejects Using Army as Police

BONN (Renters) — The German defense minister, Volker Rühe, on
Thursday rejected a proposal by one of Chancellor Helmat Kohl's chief
aides who had suggested the army could be used to uphold domestic rivers cut power supplies, swamped roadways and rail lines and forced touched off the deluge, which af-fected the Rhine, the Danube and smaller rivers in Germany, France, Belgium and the Netherlands. Offi-

"We should continue in the future to separate internal and external security, the police and the army," Mr. Rühe told the newspaper Bild. He was the most senior critic to date of the idea raised by Wolfgang Schäuble, parliamentary leader of Mr. Kohl's Christian Democrats. Mr.

Rithe is also a member of the party. Roun's Conscious Democrats. Mr. Critics have accused Mr. Schänbie of pandering to far-right extremists by proposing that the law be amended to allow the army to deal with internal security.

Ukraine Seizes Radioactive Material

KIEV (Reuters) — Ukrainian police officers have sezzed 300 grams of tighly radioactive material and acrested six people trying to snuggle it abroad, the Interior Ministry said on Thursday.

The material, worth about \$1 million, could contaminate an area of

several square kilometers, a ministry spokesman said. He said the material was now in sale storage.

The spokesman was unable to clarify what the material was or say which country the smugglers had intended taking it to. "These six had weapons, large sums of money and false documents." he said. They were caught in a police raid in the Black Sea port of Odessa last week.

China Sees Improvement in U.S. Ties BEIJING (AFP) - China-U.S. ties have shown signs of improvement

since the meeting last month between President Jiang Zemin and President Bill Clinton, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said Thursday.

Since the summit meeting in Seattle, "the development of economic and trade relations between the two countries has been increasing." Wu Jianmin said. There have been "quite a few diplomatic contacts" in the night, flooding the medieval old town with waist-deep water. City officials estimated that 25,600 peo-ple were affected by the flooding.

last month, he added. China-U.S. relations took a battering during the summer with disputes over several issues, including arms sales and human rights. Mr. Clinton has linked renewal of China's most-favored-nation trading status to an improvement in Beijing's human rights record.

Cambodia and Rebels in Secret Talks

PHNOM PENH (AP) - Prime Minister Prince Novodom Ramariddh disclosed Thursday that he had held secret peace talks with the Khmer Rouge guerrilla group. He would not specify what he discussed with Khien Samphan of the Khmer Rouge last Friday, when Prince Ramariddh

stopped over in Thailand en route to China.

Prince Ranariddh said they exchanged proposals and that he took the various suggestions to Beijing to present to his father, King Norodom Sihanouk, who is being treated for cancer in Beijing.

Prince Ranariddh said he shared Mr. Khien Samphan's proposals with

the National Assembly president, Chea Sim, and the second prime minister, Hun Sen. Prince Ranariddh said he would send their responses to Mr. Khien Samphan. "I cannot tell you more than this because Khieu Samphan proposed that it is better to keep it secret and proceed step by

President Wins Election in Guinea

CONAKRY, Guinea (Renters) - President Lansana Const has won the country's first multiparty elections, final results announced Thursday showed. Interior Minister Alseny René Gosnez said General Conté took 50.93 percent of the vote in last Sunday's polling to win outright in the

General Conte took power in a coup in 1984 and allowed opposition parties only last year. His nearest rival in the election was Alpha Conde of scribed the floods as the worst this? the Guineau Popular Assembly, who polled 29.85 percent, followed by Mamadou Ba of the Union of the New Republic with 13.11 percent and century. Hundreds were evacuated as the Oise, Meuse and Moselle Siradion Diallo of the Renewal and Progress Party with 11.64 percent. ly French woman reportedly drowned when her home near the At least three civilians and one soldier were killed in election violence on Sunday and several people were wounded after General Conté ignored calls from opposition and other leaders to postpose the balloting. Belgian border was immdated by

TRAVEL UPDATE

Hong Kong Forced to Scrap Flights

HONG KONG (Renters) — Hong Kong's Kai Tak airport has reached saturation and hundreds of flights will be turned away in coming months, a Civil Aviation Department spokesman said Thursday.

The measure will cost the territory millions of dollars in lost tourism

receipts, industry officials said. The airport's capacity has reached saturation," surpassing 24 million passengers, the spokesman said. The new multibilition dollar airport at Chep Lap Kok, off the outlying

Lantau island, is unlikely to be completed by 1997 because China is refusing to approve Britain's proposed financing arrangement. At least 336 weekly flights, representing 11 percent of traffic, will be scrapped, he More than 10,000 tourists will meet Santa Claus in Finnish Lapland

this winter, up 18 percent from last year, travel officials said Thursday.

Last winter, 8,500 tourists took 30 special flights to Rovaniemi, a regional center on the Arctic Circle, 800 kilometers north of Helsinki. This year, 50 planes will fly in, mainly from Britain, Germany, Netherlands, France, the United States and Japan. Flash floods in southern Israel killed two people, sent a stream of toxic chloride toward the nature reserve of Ein Gedi and dashed tourist hopes

of driving to the Etlat resort for Christmas. Hotels along the Dead Sea were without electricity for several hours. The waters swept up chloride leaking from a vat at a sewage treatment plant in the West Bank, sending the poison into a stream flowing toward the nature reserve. Aeroflot became the first international carrier apart from El Al to fly

directly to Jerusalem airport in the eastern part of the city. Transport Minister Israel Kessar welcomed 120 Russian pilgrims who arrived from Moscow on board an Aeroflot plane to celebrate Christmas. Other carriers have refused to use the airport, since no country recognizes the Israeli annexation of East Jerusalem.

Buses in Athens began to return to streets Thursday as their owners gave up a weeklong strike and allowed government-hired drivers to take over their vehicles. Owners began an indefinite strike a week earlier to protest a Socialist government law renationalizing the capital's 1,500 buses. But on Wednesday they agreed to hand over their vehicles in exchange for money owed to them by the government.

(AP)

A Russian diphtheria epidemic, which has claimed 300 lives this year, has reached the island of Sakhalin in the Far East, health authorities said Thursday. Two people have died in Kholmsk in the southern part of the island and another 58 are hospitalized, according to Itar-Tass. Russia recorded 10,000 cases between January and October.

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Republicans Seek Wider S&L Probe Of Clintons

By Susan Schmidt Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON -Senior Republicans in Congress are urging further investigation into dealings by President Bill Clinton and his wife with a defunct Arkansas savings and loan, and into the circumstances surrounding the sociale last summer of the deputy White House counsel, Vincent W. Foster Jr.

Representative Jim Leach of Iowa, the ranking Republican on the House Banking Committee, called on Attorney General Janet Reno on Wednesday to appoint a special counsel to take over a Justice Department investigation of Madison Guaranty Savings & Loan and the Whitewater Develop-ment Corp., a real estate venture that was jointly owned by the Clintons and Madison's owner. Mr. Clinton ended his dealings with Whitewater some time before he became president.

In the Senate, the minority leader, Bob Dole of Kansas, joined Alfonse M. D'Amato of New York, the ranking Republican on the Banking Committee, in asking the committee chairman, Donald W. Riegle Jr. of Michigan, for a hear-ing into Madison and Whitewater. Mr. Dole said questions about the Clintons' dealings with the two concerns "need ventilating." Mr. Riegle made no comment on whether he would conduct such a

A file on Whitewater was discovered in Mr. Foster's office after he killed himself on July 20. It was turned over to the Clintons' per-sonal attorney, David E. Kendall, by the White House counsel, Bernard W. Nussbaum.

Mr. Clinton told wire service reporters in an interview Wednesday that he did not know what was in the file, but if Justice Department investigators wanted to see it, We'll do what we can to cooper-

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The Foster file, Mr. Clinton said. related to work he had done before he came to work at the White House on our behalf.

"There was never any indication that anyone wanted to see it. Obviously if anybody wants to - feels that there's some relevance to any ongoing investigation, we'll do what we can to cooperate."

But, Mr. Clinton said in response to a question, "I have no reason to: believe at this time that anybody evant to any ongoing federal mat-

A Justice Department official said he knew of no subnoena issued for the file. But, he said, "We expect to obtain all relevant evi-

Three Justice Department prosecutors were sent to Little Rock, Arkansas, in late October to contimue an investigation into Madison and Whitewater that was begun by the federal Resolution Trust Corp., the U.S. agency that over-sees the failed S&L corporations.

Suspected activities at Madison. cited by the agency were misuse of Madison funds for the benefit of local politicians and Mr. Clinton's 1984 Arkansas gubernatorial cam-

In his letter to Ms. Reno, Mr. Leach said he wanted to ensure that any documents removed from Mr. Foster's office were not destroyed. Mr. Leach and Republicans on the House Banking Committee have begun an investigation of their own and sent staff members to Little Rock this week.

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Hillary Clinton serving cookies during her husband's interview with the Arkansas press corps.

Troopers in Contradiction

One Swears Clinton Never Offered Jobs for Silence

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas — An Arkansas state trooper declared in an alfidavit Thursday

that neither he nor his colleagues were offered jobs by President Bill Clinton in return for their silence, contradicting a key allegation by two other state troopers who said they had helped arrange extramarital affairs for Mr. Clinton when he was gover-

In another development relating to allegations of sexual misconduct by Mr. Clinton, a woman who had many phone conversations with Mr. Clinton when he was governor of Arkansas says that Mr. Clinton was an old friend and that there was no sex between them, a newspaper reported Thurs-The Daily News of New York said the 46-year-

old woman, who asked not to be identified, called allegations of an affair with Mr. Clinton "a lie." Telephone records show nearly 60 calls by Mr. Clinton over a two-year period. But the woman said the president was helping her through a per-

"He's an old friend of mine," the newspaper quoted the woman as saying from her home in a Little Rock suburb.

In the affidavit, Danny Ferguson, an Arkansas state trooper, said, "President Clinton never offered or indicated a willingness to offer any trooper a job in exchange for silence or help in shaping

However, in an interview Wednesday night with the Los Angeles Times, Mr. Ferguson repeated an earlier statement to the Times that Mr. Clinton had discussed with him a possible federal job for one of the two troopers. In that conversation, Mr.

New York Times Service

82, an authority on labor whose

articles and editorials ran in The

New York Times for more than

four decades, died of cancer on

Mr. Raskin worked at the Times

as a reporter, editorial writer and as

assistant editor of the editorial

Informative but never strident or

consatory, Mr. Raskin was noted

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Wednesday in New York.

NEW YORK - A.H. Raskin,

Ferguson said, Mr. Clinton was trying to find out what public disclosures that the one of troopers, Roger Perry, planned to make.

Asked by the Times if Mr. Clinton expressly said the jobs would be offered if the troopers remained silent, Mr. Ferguson said: "He didn't say those

Mr. Perry and Larry Patterson, and their attorney, Cliff Jackson, have said Mr. Clinton offered jobs to troopers in exchange for silence about his alleged affairs with various women. Articles in the Los Angeles Times and the American Spectator contained this allegation.

The White House acknowledged this week that Mr. Cinton had spoken recently with members of his old Arkansas security detail, but the White House said the calls were proper and Mr. Clinton denied he made any job offers.

Robert Batton, Mr. Ferguson's attorney, sup-

ported the White House's story.

Mr. Batton said his client did speak by phone

with Mr. Clinton in early September and inquired whether the president received a memo from Mr. Perry requesting a position on one of the president's councils on drugs. Mr. Clinton was maware of such a request, Mr.

Batton said, but he added that he would try to track down Mr. Perry's request and asked Mr. Ferguson to get in touch with Mr. Perry to find out the content of the memo and to get back in touch Mr. Clinton, Mr. Batton said no further discussions took place.

Mr. Jackson said in response that his clients "stand by their full story, specifically the calls from Bill Clinton to Danny Ferguson offering a job both to Ferguson and to Perry." (AP, Reuters)

pore in 1945, died Tuesday in Mel-

David H. Gillesnie, 53, a genetic

researcher who advanced the un-

derstanding of cancer, AIDS and

other diseases, died Sunday in an

auto accident near his home in

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Ivan Kozlovsky, 93, a celebrated

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MIT Earns Right to Share Data On Students

By William H. Honan

New York Times Service NEW YORK — The Massachi setts Institute of Technology will be permitted to share linancial aid information with other universities and establish guidelines on interpreting the data under an antitrust settlement with the Justice Depart-

The settlement ended more than four years of legal battles in which the government contended that MIT and the eight Ivy League colleges had violated price-fixing-laws. In the practice that was challenged, the universities traded information about how much financial aid they were offering to students accepted at more than one institution. When differences were found, the amounts were occasionally averaged so that all universities involved would offer an exactly similar financial package.

Although the Ivy League col-

leges had signed a consent decree pledging to abandon the practice, under terms of the settlement, they will be permitted to share information in a computer network giving them access to the assets, income, number of family members and other data for students they have commonly admitted.

While they would not see the amount of financial aid offered student-by-student, the competing universities could discuss general guidelines for scholarships. An auditor would review scholarship information and report gross imbalances to the other institutions.

Many academic observers said that MIT, in Cambridge. Massachusetts, had won a significant victory Sheldon E. Steinbach, general counsel of the American Council on Education, a Washington-based organization representing 1,700 colleges and universities, said: They are able to continue their financial aid procedures undergirded by a policy in which an applicant's ability to pay was not considered in making the decision to admit."

"If you told me two years ago that we could have achieved this, I'd have said you're dreaming," said a source close to the MIT legal

But a Justice Department official said: "They got a safe harbor - an alternate mechanism that permits them to detect gross deviations, but doesn't allow them to determine discrepancies on a per-student basis. They're not going to be sharing information about every award. and that, in our view, has limited antitrust risk."

tionist, trustee of the New York

Zoological Society and former owner of Brentano's book stores,

died Friday in Erie, Pennsylvania,

Natalia Sats, 90, a music teacher

and director of the Moscow Opera

since its opening in 1965, has died,

Itar-Tass reported Tuesday.

after a long illness.

U.S. May Trim Prison Sentence

WASHINGTON - The Justice can you have something unique on Department's second-ranking official tentatively is recommending that President Bill Clinton reduce the life sentence of Jonathan Jay Pollard, a convicted spy, but that to having an F.A.O. Schwarz shophe not be released from prison immediately, according to federal law enforcement and administration sources.

The White House said Thursday that no decision would be made until after the New Year.

The action, proposed by Deputy Attorney General Philip B. Heymann, was described as a compromise in the espionage case, U.S. law enforcement and intelligence agencies have been unanimous in saying that Mr. Pollard deserves no leniency

Guy des Cars, 82, a best-selling French author since the 1940s, died Tuesday. Born Guy de Perusse, Count des Cars, he became known came its leading soloist. Among the as Guy des Cars and started out as many parts he performed were a journalist before going on to write Lensky in Tchaikovsky's "Eugene about 60 novels. His popular, senti-Onegin," Alfred in Verdi's "La mental works sold 72 million Traviata," and Lohengrin in Wag-

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POLITICAL NOTES

White House Whitties the Budget WASHINGTON - The Clinton administration in February will propose a federal budget for the next fiscal year that has a deficit "in the vicinity of \$190 billion." the White House budget director

says.
Leon E. Panetta said the administration had been able to bring the deficit figure down to that level by making "a number of very tough decisions involving cuts across the board." in keeping with a freeze on discretionary spending voted by Con-

Speaking at a news conference, Mr. Panetta said severe cuts, including an administration plan to phase out operating subsidies for mass transit, were needed to pay for increases in programs that President Bill Clinton classifies as "investment."

These include spending for the broad anti-crime bill that is expected to win final Congressional approval early next year, health research, child immunization, job training, clean-water enforce-ment, child welfare, national service and educa-

The deficit projection that Mr. Panetta offered Wednesday for the next fiscal year, which will begin Oct. I, is about \$60 billion below the White House's estimate for the current year. It is also below the \$200.4 billion that was projected only three months ago as next year's deficit. An administration official said that the difference was attributable to improved economic assumptions. (N)T)

Another Ickes in Washington

WASHINGTON - Harold Ickes will join the White House as deputy chief of staff and take on the job of coordinating efforts to pass President Clinton's health care plan, the White House said. Mr. Ickes, a New York labor lawyer and the son of Franklin D. Roosevelt's interior secretary, Harold L. Ickes, managed Mr. Clinton's New York primary and the Democratic convention. He is known as a tough political dealer. Mr. Ickes has no formal health care policy expertise. Twe been to the doctor a couple of times, he said, "My expertise is political in nature."

In the complicated White House organizational structure, the recently appointed deputy chief of staff. Philip Lader, runs operations and will try to bring more order to the policy-making process.

Mr. Ickes will oversee the political office as well as

intergovernmental relations and public outreach. Ira C. Magaziner, the White House adviser, will continue to coordinate policy development. George Stephanopoulos will concentrate on get-ting the plan through Congress, as will the new congressional liaison, Pat Griffin.

140,000 Managerial Jobs to Go

WASHINGTON - The Clinton administration expects to cut 140,000 jobs from the government's management ranks as it seeks to reduce the federal work force by 252,000 positions over the next five vears, administration officials said.

The remainder of the workforce reduction -112,000 nonmanagerial jobs — would come from categories that Vice President Al Gore's National Performance Review officials have labeled "central control" or "micromanagement."

Quote/Unquote

Asked what the biggest surprise was during his first year in office, President Clinton said: "I think my biggest surprise, in a negative sense was that -I shouldn't have been surprised by it - is that coming here from another place and another way of doing things, there really is a Washington cul-ture here that, on the one hand, needs to be changed, but on the other hand, has to be dealt with if you want to get anything done." (AP)

Away From Politics

· Washington's infant death rate, chronically the worst in the nation, improved last year to its lowest level in a decade, in part because fewer teenagers had babies, health officials in the capital said Wednesday. The 1992 rate was 18.3 infants for every thousand births, compared with 20.2 the year

• Alarmed by a surge in Florida juvenile crime, including recent attacks on tourists across the state, local governments are moving to impose curiews on teenagers, brushing aside serious reservations on the part of police departments and protests from civil liberties groups and young peo-

 Abortions for Montana girls under 18 will no longer be subject to parental notification. Judge James Battin of U.S. District Court in Billings, Montana, signed an injunction barring enforcement of a Montana law requiring such notifica• A rise in U.S. postal charges in 1995 may be in the works. The Postal Service is considering a proposal that could raise the cost of a first-class letter to 32 cents in 1995, from 29 cents.

 People with slightly elevated systolic blood pressure, the higher of the two blood pressure readings, are at increased risk of developing full-fledged hypertension and heart disease, compared with those with normal blood pressure, a new study has

 Birds, not reptiles are dinosaurs' most direct descendants, according to new evidence published Thursday that bolsters the emerging theory. Claudia Barreto and colleagues at the University of Wisconsin report in Friday's issue of the journal Science that cells within the dinosaur's growth plates, which are located near the ends of bones and which help manufacture bone, resemble those in chickens but are very different from those in contemporary reptiles and mammals.

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Of Spy for Israel

But the U.S. Jewish community has said Mr. Pollard was treated unfairly and should be released immediately. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel asked Mr. Clinton last [all to look into the matter. Mr. Pollard, a former U.S. naval intelligence analyst, began spying for Israel in the mid-1980s.

TOYS: The Store That Couldn't Continued from Page 1

Schwarz must contend with competitors who can and often do un-

"It's the classic problem of how a mass scale," said Sean McGowan, a toy industry analyst at Gerard Klauer Mattison & Co. "There's a certain amount of cachet gets too big."

Schwarz's sixth owner, the luck than its predecessors in solvcompany for more than \$50 million

in mid-1990. Van Haften LaBouchere earlier six more U.S. stores and one this year takes the Dutch retailer to abroad during that period. task for losses at Schwarz, "which

comparable-store sale gains of 10 percent this holiday season. it might eke out a small profit.

A veteran of the specialty store business who joined the chain a year and a half ago. Mr. Eyler is trying to broaden the chain's appeal without damaging its fran-

The new, three-pronged strategy includes replacing the chain's small to having an F.A.O. Schwarz shop-ping bag draped over your arm, but you destroy that if the enterprise amount of exclusive and less expensive merchandise, and trying to increase the amount of business Dutch retailer Bijenkorf, known as Schwarz does outside the holiday KBB, has so far had little better season.

Mr. Eyler is so confident of the ing the riddle. KBB bought the chain's long-term prospects that he predicts its sales, which were about \$67 million in 1992, will double by A report on KBB issued by Bank 1996, and says it may open at least

To produce that kind of growth. with hindsight should never have he will have to find a way to leap been bought, at least not at that the hurdles Schwarz has faced over the last two decades, say the few Nonetheless, an executive at analysts and retail consultants who KBB told analysts last spring that watch the company. While its flagthe chain would turn an operating ship locations in New York, Chicaprofit this year. And John Eyler, go, Boston and San Francisco have president and chief executive of Schwarz, said in an interview that if branch stores must begin to constitutions in the stores of the the company managed to generate tribute to sales and profits.

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Release the Foster Files

lawyer-client privilege to block the release of documents that, it now concedes, were removed from the office of Vincent Foster, a senior White House official. The files might provide useful information to federal investigators and the public about a controversial real estate transaction involving Bill Clinton and the owner of a failed Arkansas savings and loan association. They might also shed light on Mr. Foster's suicide.

Those are two good reasons why they belong in the public domain, not in the hands of Mr. Clinton's lawyers. Since early in the 1992 campaign, Mr. Clinton and his spokesmen have dodged full disclosure about his and his wife's investment in Whitewater Development Corp. and their relationship with James McDougal Mr. McDougal was their partner in Whitewater and the owner of Madison Guaranty, a Little Rock savings and loan shut down by the federal government in 1989.

The White House needs to atome for months of casuistry by releasing all relevant documents immediately. Meanwhile, it is incumbent on Attorney General Janet Reno and her deputy, Philip Heymann, to personally assume control of the Justice Department's inquiries into the savings and loan and the Foster suicide.

Furthermore, as a matter of professional reputation, they must insulate the investigaion from meddling by Webster Hubbell, Mr. Clinton's close friend and the No. 3 man in Justice, and Bernard Nussbaum, the White House counsel whose handling of the Foster files has once again demonstrated that he is a threat to the president's political health.

Federal investigators were interested in the contents of Mr. Foster's office from the moment his body was found July 20. Mr. Nussbaum examined Mr. Foster's files in the presence of investigators on July 22. He did not allow them to read the papers and decided, on his own authority, that the files were irrelevant to their inquiries into Mr. Foster's death. The White House insisted that Mr. Nussbaum had conducted a "very thorough investigation" -

despite Mr. Nussbaum's initial failure to notice the torn remnants of an anguished note from

Mr. Foster in his briefcase. There matters stood until articles began to appear saying that the Justice Department had revived its investigation into the collapse of the Arkansas savings and loan. The investigators were particularly interested in whether Madison's owner, Mr. McDougal, had improperly

diverted money to prop up Whitewater.
Since Mr. Foster had been the Clintons' lawyer in the last stages of their Whitewater dealings, the investigators reasonably con-cluded that some of the files sequestered last July by Mr. Nussbaum might be useful in their inquiry. Yet as late as last Saturday, a senior White House official asserted that "we are not aware that any law enforcement official is looking into the fact that a file relating to Whitewater or McDougal disappeared."

On Monday, battered by still more disclosures, a White House spokesman said that the files had indeed included documents relating to the Clintons' investment in Whitewater and that Mr. Nussbaum had sent them to the Clintons' lawyer in Washington, David Kendall.

The Justice Department investigators have an obligation to examine those files, by subpoena if necessary. It may be that there is nothing damaging or even embarrassing in them. Indeed, in an angry interview Tuesday in which she defended her husband against recent allegations about his private life, Mrs. Clinton said she was "bewildered" about the continuing interest in the Clintons' relation-

ship with Mr. McDougal and Whitewater.
One reason is that federal investigators suspect that Mr. Clinton, when governor, might have given Mr. McDougal favorable regulatory treatment that prolonged his savings and loan's life, ultimately costing taxpayers \$60 million. But surely another reason lies in the White House's ongoing evasions over the past two years. That alone has left the impression that there is something untoward in these files. There is only one way to tell: Hand them over.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

How to Help Cambodia

Thanks to the United Nations, Cambodia now has a democratically elected government. But it faces a military threat straight out of its nightmarish past. The Khmer Rouge, which killed more than I million Cambodians in the 1970s, persists in waging armed struggle against the new government. The guertillas say they are willing to make peace in exchange for a role in the new administration. But, meanwhile. they are fortifying themselves with new arms shipped across the porous Thai border.

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Washington can help Cambodia in two important ways. It can press the Thai military to cut off the border arms flow. And it can soften its own opposition to a political deal between Phnom Penh and the Khmer Rouge. No country, least of all the United States. is

prepared to give Cambodia's government the military help it would take to defeat the Khmer Rouge outright. Short of that, the goal ought to be shifting the conflict from the battlefield to the bargaining table.

The UN peace plan was supposed to achieve just such a shift, but it sell short. Vietnam withdrew its occupying army from Cambodia. China, the Khmer Rouge's most powerful arms supplier, cut off its shipments. The royalist rebels supported by the United States participated in the election and won the largest share of votes. But the Khmer Rouge truculently resisted the entire UN process, refusing to surrender its arms and declining to run candidates in the election. Instead, it tried to wreck the vote by threatening Election Day mayhem.

Cambodians voted anyway, in large numbers. Realizing that its boycott tactics had back-fired, the Khmer Rouge shifted its approach, seeking to negotiate a role for itself in the new administration. But Washington has firmly discouraged any deal, implying that America would deny aid to Cambodia if it conceded any role to the Khmer Rouge.

Thailand, once the main conduit for Chinese weapons to the Khmer Rouge, has taken over the profitable gun-running business for itself. Earlier this month, a Thai Army unit was caught transporting weapons across the border. Such resupply operations make it possible for the Khmer Rouge to maintain military credibility and so to escalate its political demands.

The problem is less with Thailand's civilian government than with its independent and corrunt military commanders. And that is where the United States can play a role. Thailand's armed forces have enjoyed a long and close military relationship with the United States. Military leaders would probably pay attention to tough talk from Washington on ending the Khrner Rouge connection. Instead.

all the tough talk is directed at Phnom Penh. For Washington to tolerate gun-running to the Khmer Rouge but discourage peace talks with them is a double mistake. The Thai Army's cross-border meddling is a legitimate subject for outside pressure. Negotiations between Cambodian factions ought to be left up to Cambodians themselves.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

The Price of Boot Camps

spare these young convicts the penalty of pris-on terms in exchange for a kind of shock incarceration in a military-style camp. Sentences are usually for a period of three to six months, during which the offender is subjected to the kind of treatment a new Marine recruit might endure. He is supposed to emerge disciplined, chastened, determined to avoid prison in the future and equipped with the work ethic and self-assurance of a military man.

Because it is less expensive to construct and operate a boot camp than a prison, the idea is even more attractive to legislators. Thus, the differing crime bills passed by each chamber of Congress at the end of the session would provide generous funding — the final figure could be as high as \$3 billion over five years for this kind of correctional institution.

But there is one problem, and it was detailed in a New York Times report on the subject: Correctional experts who have studied boot camps in the federal system and the 30 states and 10 localities where they have been used during the past 10 years provide little support for this enthusiasm. About half the participants flunk out of the programs and wind up in prison. A disappointing number become recidivists, so many that there is little difference between the percentage of boot campers who commit new offenses after release and the percentage of prison immates who do the same.

Congress is enthusiastic about the concept of boot camps for first offenders. The idea is to In addition, it often costs more per day to In addition, it often costs more per day to put an inmate through the boot camp experience, followed by intensive probation, than it would to send him to prison. The General Accounting Office, which completed a study on camps last April, concluded that cost saving and prison overcrowding are reduced when this alternative is used simply because inmates are incarcerated for a shorter period of time. The same goals could be achieved by reducing prison sentences overall.

It is reasonable to ask whether anyone in a position of responsibility for crime legislation on Capitol Hill considered these facts before authorizing billions for new camps. The GAO report was sent to Representative William Hughes, a Democrat of New Jersey, who had requested the study, and to the Justice Department the Bureau of Prisons and the Office of pagement and Budget. But it seems to have had no impact. Surely, before the crime bill goes to conference, it and other recent studies on this subject should have an airing.

We support alternative sentences, especially for nonviolent first offenders, and like others hope that innovative concepts like boot camps will prove worthwhile. But if experience indicates that, in practice, this idea is not all it is cracked up to be, it would be far better to have the facts and make an informed judgment

before spending billions in a risky venture. - THE WASHINGTON POST.



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A Worried Europe Watches East and South

LONDON — If you are a European, you end 1993 with an unexpectedly hermod-in feeling. Only the other day, it seems, the world had looked so wonderfully wide open. The collapse of communism had cleared the eastern horizon. The defeat of Saddam Hussein had removed another cloud farther south. Yet now the sky has gone dark

again, in both directions. again, in both directions.

If you are a European looking to the east or to the south — the two vulnerable flanks of Europe, the two sides from which danger has always approached — you find yourself wondering with some trepidation what 1994 is going to bring.

The danger to the east, so belatedly recognized this December by the wishful thinkers of Europe, may not be quite as had as some of those shocked.

may not be quite as bad as some of those shocked ex-wishful-thinkers are now saying it is.

Vladimir Zhirinovsky and the embittered people he led into Russia's election on Dec. 12 are not a nice phenomenon, but they are probably not a new Nazism. Mr. Zhirinovsky, from what he tells us about himself, does not really have the demonic drive of another Hitler. The Russians of the 1990s are not the Germans of the 1930s, a superbly efficient people ready to believe they were a Master Race. Most important, the 1990s are not the 1930s. Fascism has happened: It has shown its terrible face, and been terribly defeated. One does not easily persuade another people to volunteer for that experience.

Even so, something deeply uncomfortable is appening in Russia — uncomfortable for the Russians, and for the rest of Europe.

It will be a long time before Russia's economy settles into steady growth and its politics into the calm give-and-take of democracy. The Russians will no doubt get there in the end: It is melodramatic to believe that there is something in the Russian character, or in Russia's circumstances, which makes it impossible. But the birth of a new political and economic system is a slow business, and while Russia is in prolonged labor it will twist and turn in pain. Some of its twisting and turning is going to frighten Europe. Even if Russia's current upsurge of

WASHINGTON — My first run-in with Admiral Bobby Imman

came after I praised him in a 1980

column. As America's chief eaves-

dropper, he had overheard a suspi-

cious call by President Jimmy Carter's

brother, Billy, to the Libyan Embassy,

and brought the wiretap to the attor-

ney general for criminal investigation.

But praise from me brought him glares from the White House, and

Admiral Inman - recorders whirring

- called me to denounce "irrepara-

ble harm you have done by revealing

our sources and methods." It was

hard to believe that the Libyans did

not know that all embassy phone

lines were routinely tapped, but I

respectfully asked if he would enter-

Icily, the admiral informed me he

never talked to the press, but what was it I wanted to know? I asked him

how a grown man could go through life calling himself "Bobby"; he

slammed down the phone.

tain one question.

By Brian Beedham

neo-nationalism is well below the level of Hitlerian Germany's, it will certainly cause problems for the people of Ukraine and Moldova and the Baltic countries. And that means problems for Poles and Hungarians and Czechs, which in turn means problems for Germany and the rest of Europe. When a Russian tells you he has special rights in his "near-abroad," look him in the eye and tell him he is

talking about your near-abroad, too.

At least the danger in the east is now unignorable. The danger in the south is still only a niggle in the corner of most Europeans' consciousness. Yet the steadily expanding pressure of Islamic radical-ism is just as big a reason for European concern.

This other cloud on Europe's horizon has many causes. People in most Arab countries are increasingly angry about the poverty in which they live, as they discover that a growing number of people in other parts of the world are managing to escape from their own poverty.

These Arabs increasingly resent the corruption and incompetence of their rulers. They are attracted by the austere certainnes of Islam's new evangelists, partly because religion offers an alternative to the misery of daily life, but also because these evangelists share their own disgust with corruptly incompetent governments. And angry Arabs are easily persuaded that it is all at bottom the fault of the rich, powerful, religiously alien West.

Whatever label you put on the mixture - Islamic fundamentalism, revolutionary despair, Westo-phobia — it is not hard to understand why it produces such explosive consequences, and why the explosion zone is widening.

This is the force which has produced something close to revolution in Algeria in the past two years, since the corruptly incompetent government there aborted an election that the Islamic Salvation Front was on the brink of winning. More than 3,000 people have been killed, and a large part of the 100,000 foreigners who used to live in

Inman the Selfless Need Not Do Us This Big Favor

Downhill from there. As Barry Goldwater's man at the CIA, he be-

By William Safire

Algeria have been frightened out of the country.
It is the force which in the same two-year period has broken Egypt's tourist industry by a skillful campaign of anti-tourist terrorism. Even in rela-tively nch and theoretically devout Sandi Arabia, the same force is now strong enough to challenge the government in public. The International Her-Tribune has reported worries in Washington

that it may no longer be safe to assume the surviv-ability of the Saudi regime.

To record these things is not to say that all, or any, of these three countries is about to succumb to fundamentalist Westophobia. But the chances that one or two of them will do so are measurably greater than they were a couple of years ago.

If they did go, Europe's southern flank would

suddenly become much more dangerous. Algeria, Egypt and Sandi Arabia are the three most power ful countries of the Arab world apart from Iraq, which is already the West's enemy. Add two of them to the anti-Western camp, and Italy, Spain and Greece would be on the new from line of a trans-Mediterranean Cold War.

This is why Europe suddenly finds its eye flicking uneasily from east to south and back again. Since modern Europe first began to take shape 1,300 years ago, it has sometimes felt itself in danger from the south, at other times from the east. By the end of the wars of the 19th century, it thought it had got its southern flank under control. By the end of the Cold War, it thought it had made its eastern flank safe again. Now it is no longer sure, in either direction.
It also know that, if things are going doubly wrong. Europe itself is partly to blame. Europe's failure to do what was necessary in the former Yugoslavia — to check the Serbs and protect the Bosnians - has had consequences to both east and south. It has encouraged men like Mr. Zhirinovsky to think that they, too, can beat the drum of nationalist expansion. And it has sharpened the anti-Western bitterness so many Muslims feel. As Europe looks worriedly around, it should look inside itself as well. International Herald Tribune.

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Personally, The People Don't Care

By Richard Cohen

WASHINGTON -- Steven Spits-VV berg has given us the movie "Schindler's List." The American Spectator has given us a list of its own: two former Arkanses troopers who claim to have a list of Bill Clinton's girlfriends. As former members of the former governor's scornity detail, they say they not only ferried Mr. Clinton to and from his alleged assignations. they occasionally set up these meetings themselves. What would Mr. Schindler have made of these stocies? He would have scoffed. As a man devoid of conventional morality, as a womanizer and the purveyor of babes who was initially willing to exploit Jewish slave laborers in Nazi-occupied Poland, he might have argued that to try to judge a man by his personal morality leads you nowhere. After all, Mr. Schindler became both the subject of a book and now the Speciberg movof a cook and now one spectrum and in the end, he exhausted his fortune and risked has life to save the lives of some 1,100 lews. Does it matter that he cheated on his wife?

No. His personal morality gave not him that at his core was a block of granite-like morality. That is because he operated in a certain content. It hardly mattered to the Nazis he bribed or the lews he saved that Mr. Schindler cheated on his wife with countless women. First of all, Mr. Schindler was a European and there-fore had a different code of conduct. Second, and even more important, he lived in amoral times. He could, in fact, openly parade his mistresses. He was unaccountable because, really.

there was no one to account to. U.S. politicians operate in a different context. Not only is American culture less tolerant of manital infidelity, the media no longer recognizes strict distinctions between private and public life. A press corps that once looked the other way when Franklin Roosevelt's mistress, Lucy Mercer, boarded the White House train would handly be so protective today. Similarly, the extracorrientar activities of John Kennedy would today warrant a

special edition of People magazine.
Whatever you or I might think of
the proclivity of the press to delve into matters which are, strictly speak ing private this tropism to the titillating does represent a democratiza-tion of journalistic coverage. Once the press played gatekeeper on per-sonal matters. Nowadays it has swing the gate open. All things considered, that might not be a bad standard. We give you the information

and you do what you want with it.

Unable to make a clear link between the private man and the public man - between allegations of womanizing and, say, U.S. policy on Bos-nia — the public seems to have reacted to the latest news with something less than outrage. Sure, the stories are Not much, seems to be the judgment.

America is no longer as naive as it once was about its public figures. It has learned to compartmentalize, to separate the private from the public except where the two overlap. Mr. Kennedy and, especially, Martin Luther King, have been the nation's tu-tors in the complexity of human nature. Mr. King is a kind of American Schindler. Whatever his personal morality, his public one was exemplary. Over and over again, he put his life on the line for the cause of civil rights, until he lost his life in that cause. Regardless of his personal life, Mr. King remains a towering moral figure. In fact, what was once considered fatal to a public career now no longer

is. Think of homosexuality. Certain politicians have acknowledged they are homosexuals; they get re-elected anyway. Some of those who seemed to have led impeccable private lives -Richard Nixon, for example -- were corrupt public servents.

Time and again, pollsters have found Americans willing to compartmentalize their views. A majority might be personally opposed to abortion, but a majority also opposes rigid restrictions. A majority finds homosexuality immoral, but opposes dis-

crimination against homosexuals.
Until Americans can make a clear link between Mr. Clinton's personal behavior and his public performance. they will continue to compartments ize. But if in the process of guarding his alleged secrets, Mr. Clinton is found to have abused his office paid off people with jobs to ensure their silence, for instance - his public conduct will become an issue.

That has not happened and so, un-sure of what to make of these recent allegations, the American people have decided to make nothing at all of them. Mr. Clinton is no immocent, but neither, anymore, are Americans. The Washington Post.

ton's worst cabinet nomination begin in a month. Senate investigators have much work to do. The New York Times.

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Imman try to beat the government out of \$6,000? Because, the White House Dress secretary was corrupted into say-More important, since China and ing, There was a desire to see whet rule and democracy to the country. Rangoon's policy toward dissi-Thailand do not want the minorities the simplification process would go defeated and removed as a buffer in through." That's a transparent he; if the law is changed, he would still owe

BANGKOK — Burma's ethnic minorities in revolt against the military rulers in Rangoon are facing a growing crisis that threatens their ability to achieve autonomy and other goals for which they have been fighting for more than 40 years. Faced with division in their organization over how to respond to the junta's attempts to draw them individually into discussions, and under pressure from China and Thailand to accept Rangoon's approaches, they find themselves isolated and unsure of what to do. They can draw no comfort from a

resolution passed recently by the United Nations General Assembly that was highly critical of repressive rule in Burma. Even states that strongly supported the resolution are unlikely to act on it. Despite the greater numbers and

firepower of the Burmese Army, the minorities -- who include the Karen, Mon, Karenni and Kachin fought and held it at bay for years. Their survival was due to military prowess, internal unity, support from their own people and the willingness of Thailand and China to allow them to buy weapons and earn money through trade. Today, they are divided. The pre-

sent split between the Kachin Independence Organization and other non-Burman minorities traces back to the Kachin belief that if peace is to come to Burma, the junta and the minorities must end the fighting and resolve their differences at the negotiating table.

Despite their criticism of Kachin actions, other ethnic communities face strong pressures inside their own camps to move directly to discussion of a cease-fire. This is weakBy Josef Silverstein

For Burma's Minorities, a Reckoning

came convinced that Bill Casey and I

were conspiring to block his advance-

ment. This was because I reported

that Mr. Inman, in a not-for-attribu-

tion session at CIA headquarters, had

planted a false story with a group of

newsmen that Israel was the source of

rumors that a Libyan "hit team" was on its way to the United States. Oper-

ating from ambush as an "informed

source," Mr. Inman charged that Is-

rael was trying to provoke an attack on Colonel Moammar Gadhafi.

cover blown and anti-Israel bias shown. Years later, leaking many se-

crets to get favorable treatment in Bob

Woodward's book "Veil," Mr. Inman told the author that he "felt this attack

personally" and that "he had not planted anything." Exposure of his charge "was obviously a leak to Safire

He was displeased at having his

ening the opposition alliance between Burman and minority groups that was set up to restore civilian dent minorities was set in 1989 fol-lowing the breakup of the Burma Communist Party and the estab-

lishment by its former cadres of new ethnic groups. General Khin Nyunt, the effective head of the iunta, offered separate deals to each group. In exchange for a cease-fire, he said, they could retain their weapons, administer their own areas and pursue their economic in-terests. But all political questions were to be put off until a new state structure was in place. To other ethnic groups in opposi-tion, the junta offered the same

terms or military defeat. To give the threat a sharp edge, the military launched attacks against minority strongholds. In addition to striking against soldiers, Rangoon also moved against noncombatants in minority areas. Civilians were isolated from their own armed groups, forcibly relocated from their homes to camps around Burmese Army bases and denied the right to farm and support themselves. To get food from the army, they had to serve as military porters in war zones. Many old people were murdered and wornen raped by Burmese troops.

Villagers sought to escape oppression by fleeing the country. To-day, more than 73,000 are in Thailand and thousands more will come in the next few months. This year's rice harvest in the mountainous areas of Burms where the minorities live has been poor due to limited rain and the inability of people to farm. Until now, despite its size and strength, the humness Army has not

smarting over Inman's insistence that

Israel not get any satellite photos."
Untrue. Mr. Imman, despite having what Time magazine gushes is "a memory that is close to total recall,"

misled Mr. Woodward. An earwitness

who was in the room reconfirms that

Mr. Inman planted that false story on that day in December 1981. (Mr. In-

man's animus also later contributed to

the excessive sentencing of Jonathan

Here is someone I know from per-

sonal experience to be manipulative and deceptive, nominated by Bill Clin-

ton to be secretary of defense.

The reader can balance this person-

al judgment against Mr. Imman's good acts (notably his Billy Carter report

and his later rescission of a mutty Ca-

sey surveillance order), as well as the acclamation of a charmed Washington

press, and the support of Senator

Pollard, but that's another story.)

been able to defeat the minorities. the border area, they have used their connections with both sides to push for a negotiated settlement. Thus, the junta has not been free to impose a unilateral settlement on its foes. General Khin Nyunt recently launched a peace campaign, calling the rebel minority groups "our

brothers from the armed organiza-tions in the jungle" and appealing to them them to return to the "legal fold" and "live in love and u But there was no mention of a cease-fire as a first step toward peace and no offer to talk to the armed groups collectively. The junta presented itself as the representa-tive of legality in Burma and gave the minorities only one option: accept the political status quo.

It is ironic that just when the United Nations has adopted its strongest resolution on the restoration of democracy in Burma, the government in Rangoon may be on the verge of a deal with significant elements of the country's minorities. Such a deal is being sought to legitimize a military dictatorship and a unitary political system. But any partial victory for the junta is likely be Pyrthic: It will not be the final chapter in Burma's long civil war.

The writer, author of several books on Burma, is professor emeritus of politics at Rutgers University. He contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1893: Paving the Way PARIS - M. Quentin-Banchard,

Municipal Councillor for the Champs-Elysees quarter, has pro-posed that the Public Works authorities should make some experiments in the brick pavement in Paris. M. Quentin-Banchard says that the experiments with brick pavement have succeeded very well in America, and claims that it is very agreeable for carriages, is as tough as wood pavement and does not absorb water in such a way as to be dangerous to public health

1918: U.S. Demobilizes

WASHINGTON - General March, Chief of Staff of the United States Army, announces that demobilization of home military forces has reached the number set of 30,000 2,000 divisional troops, 43,000 engineers, and 16,000 men in military aeronautics division.

1943: 'Secret Weapon'

LONDON - From our New York edition: An incessant pounding of the part of northern France in which the Germans, according to neutral reports, are building emplacements for their mysterious "secret weapon" continued today [Dec. 23], as repeated waves of medium bombers with strong fighter support sped across the English Channel and back again throughout the daylight hours. Lon-don newspapers for the lest two days have been filled with speculation about the supposed "secret wespon" and about measures being taken by the Allied air forces to knock it out of action before use of it can get started. reached the number set of 30,000

daily. The total demobilization to

December 14 was 29,903 officers and
188,562 men. The total list for early

demobilization is 000,000. The high commands of the Allies demobilization is 900,000, including have been reluctant to comment.



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OPINION

Religion and Politics: Tension Is for the Best

the subjects of religion and politics meet. One of my involve political encounters took place during the 1977 campaign for mayor of New York, when Barry Farber, a talkshow bost running on the Conservative Party ticket, used a speech to a group of mostly black ministers to issue his usual denunciation of "bleeding heart liberals."

He was shocked to be interrupted by the angry voice of the Rever-end Tim Mitchell. "I worship a Savior who had a bleeding heart," Mr. Mitchell boomed. Mr. Farber, normally not one to back off from a fight, knew there was no winning this one. He tried to reassure Mr. Mitchell that he was not impugning anybody's religious beliefs.

You could, of course, argue that Mr. Mitchell was inappropriately mixing religion and politics, but I didn't feel that way at the time. On the contrary, I thought Mr. Mitch-

One can believe that public life should be more hospitable to religious voices without willing an end to the barriers that protect minorities from religious impositions.

ell was issuing a reminder that a lot of people—yes, including liberals—come to their political beliefs at least in part from their reflections on their religious convictions.

During the Christmas season, we Americans are reminded that while the courts may impose restrictions on explicitly religious displays in public places, everything else going on emphasizes that a central day in the Christian calendar is also an important public holiday. The way the county deals with this suggests that for all the boundaries we try to draw between the religious on the one hand and the civil and political on the other, we end up living with a lot of tension — and that tension turns out to be how we protect civility and religious freedom.

The biggest problem with the debates of the past decade between the religious right and its strongest critics is that neither side has been willing to accept that tension. The more extreme religious conservatives have frightened a lot of Americans — including a lot of Christians - with their talk about the United States being "A Christian nation" and their suggestions that the legal code should be closer to biblical values. The most vociferous critics of the religious right often seem to be arguing that those whose politipublic debate by first.

There is an alternative to both of

By E. J. Dionne Jr. W ASHINGTON — People say
the oddest things whenever less rigorous commonsense under less rigorous, commonsense understanding that I suspect most Ameri-cans bring to the subject of religious freedom. This view accepts that the world views of a great many people — perhaps most — are influenced by a religious tradition. Many Christians, for example, have an in-

strictive sympathy for government programs to help the poor, not be-cause such programs are "efficient" or "useful investments in human capital," but because they know in their hearts that such programs are right. As Mr. Mitchell put it, they worship a Savior with a bleeding heart. Many who oppose abortion reason in a similar way.

You don't have to be religious to take a stand on poverty programs or abortion. But neither should you be disqualified from the debate just because your motivations are primarily religious. The essence of the messy democratic bargain is that it's not enough for participants in the debate to assert that "these programs are 'Christian' (or 'Jewish' or 'Hindu') and therefore must be adopted." Your case has to be made in terms that are acceptable to those who do not share your religious

Many who fully accept the power and legitimacy of religious motivations warry about the religious right because they fear that some in its ranks see religious justifications as not only legitimate but also sufficient for government action.

There is also the danger of confusing the public arena with the governmental arena. Religious voices should feel welcomed in the public discussion and can do a world of good on such matters as reducing violence, teenage preg-nancy and family breakup. But one can believe that public life should be more hospitable to religious voices than it is without willing an end to the barriers that protect minorities from religious impositions - and in the process protect religion from government.

The compromise that promotes religious toleration is based on a virtue that religious people often praise but don't always practice: humility. Although human beings may hope to know "God's will," they shouldn't confuse their ideas with God's, or pretend that what are really ethnic or tribal habits enjoy divine sanction. Checks on the power of the state in religious matters grow from the fact that such confusion occurs rather often and can be nighty oppressive when it does.

There is, finally, something de-bilitating to religious faith itself about reducing all religious convictions to politics. Whatever you or l may think of, say, the balanced-budget amendment, we ought not claim that there is a "Christian" or a "Jewish" or a "Muslim" position on the subject. I have no doubt that the balanced-budget amendment will be far from the only say: Thank God for that.

The Washington Post.



Later On, Santa Claus Got Jolly

WASHINGTON — The inven-tion of modern Christmas gor a boost 150 years ago from a book that begins with three unfestive words: "Markey was dead." In 1843 Charles Dickens, that volcano of Victorian sentimentality, erupted with "A Christmas Carol." Christ-

mas was making a comeback. When Oliver Cromwell was Lord Protector he protected England from Christmas which, Puritans said, was "an extraeme forgetfulnesse of Christ, by giving liberty to carnall and sensual delights." Of course to Puritans a fruitcake was a

dangerous delight.
Christmas in Merrie England
had become a rollicking good time after the Norman Conquest im-ported French flair. By 1252 Hen-ry III was slaying 600 oven to go with the salmon pies and roasted peacocks. By the 1640s Cromwell was not amused. Besides, the second syllable of "Christmas" suggested a popish

on Christmas days and sheriffs were sent forth to require merchants to open for business. Proand anti-Christmas factions rioted. The Puritans were bullies but were not wrong when they said that

Samuelson answers on the same page: lack of discipline ("Welfare

Becomes Harm When the State Ex-

aggerates"). We don't break the cy-

Discipline is learned early on,

FRANK BRADSTOCK.

mostly by example in the home. Without that, political schemes are

Unthinkable Thoughts'

Joycelyn Elders! Not that I in any

way approve of the legalization of

drugs ... at this stage. Yet The Washington Post ("No, Don't Legalize Drugs," Opinion, Dec. 13) along with President Bill Clinton do the

public a disservice by preemptively

Better to allow Dr. Elders to

follow the dictum of another

forthright Arkansan and "think unthinkable thoughts." It is only

after exploring all sides of a prob-

lem that an informed judgment

HOWARD R. STEPHENSON.

Those who favor the legalization

of narcotics should ponder a lesson

can be made by the vox populi.

discounting her bold suggestion.

Hurrah for U.S. Surgeon General

cles because we don't want to.

just academic talk.

By George F. Will

vals of the winter solstice, and no one knew in what season Christ was born. Some say that if shepherds really were tending their flocks in the fields that night, it must not have been winter, when

MEANWHILE

sheep in Palestine were penned at night. Some early Christians in Egypt fixed Christ's birth at May 20, and dates were suggested in every month before Dec. 25 became the consensus choice.

That choice coincided with some rival religions celebrations of the rebirth of the sun, symbolized by candles and by what would come to be called vule logs. Pagans had traditionally decked their halls with boughs of holly, evergreens and mistletoe to symbolize winter's inability to prevent the renewal of life. In one of life's nice caroms. Christmas trees, a German tradition, may have been introduced to America during the Revolutionary War by Hessian mercenaries of the sort that George Washington rout-Christmas observations in December had their origins in pagan festiDelaware on Christmas night. 1776.

of history: In the 19th century,

following the Opium War. China

was forced to accept the free avail-

ability of opium. The result was

that the number of opium addicts

The front-page headline

"France Crows Over 'Great' Vic-tory to Save Its Culture" (IHT,

Dec. 15) was petty. The article

However, the International

Herald Tribune does deserve

credit for balance. The same issue carried an impassioned plea in fa-

vor of the French position on

American junk film by Governor

Mario Cuomo of New York ("Vi-

olence on Screen: Desiring What

Disgusts Us?").
Alas, while France is doing

something about this global infes-

tation, the governor of New York

seems left with a just-say-no and a

hope that Hollywood fat cats will

that followed was not much bet-

ESKIL SVANE.

Pouzols, France.

in that country shot up to an esti-

The Movie Invasion

ter; more French-bashing.

mated 20 million.

dissolute even then, and Southerners, always sensualists, celebrated Christmas from the 17th century on, but as late as 1874 Henry Ward uber of Beecher. America's most promineaking nent preacher, said. To me, and the Christmas is a foreign day. The birth of Christmas in its awi has modern form, as a festival of senti- he Reit ment and material comforts, was estinian made possible by the cooling of of this religious passions. In 1823 the Troy once or (New York) Sentinel published : Israeli anonymously Clement Clark services

Moore's decidedly secular poem be- going to ginning. "Twas the night before lisrae-Christmas..." Forty years later I virtual Thomas Nast popularized the mod-ern image of Santa Claus, a joily he Israe-

shopping humming sooner. spent.

Dickens, who did so much to hat Israel

define the modern Christmas, did so lestinians with virtually no reference to reli- israel was gion. He was just 31 in 1843, still 3, absorbtormented by memories of youthful nawi said privation and intensely interested in erritories, child labor and the conditions of the 1d all but poor. "A Christmas Carol," written in haste and rapturously received by the rapidly expanding reading pub-lic, epitomized the Dickens whom lic, epitomized the Dickens whom George Orwell was to describe as e to quash

"generously angry."

He distilled Dickens's doctrine into 10 words; "If men would behave decently, the world would be decent." On the eve of a revolutionary era in Europe, Dickens said that a change of hearts was the key to changing society. Scrooge did not need to be trundled in a tumbril to a guillotine or even have his property expropriated. A few ghosts and a winsome child named Tim would suffice for a conversion experience. Ir the end Scrooge was still a capi-

London not far from Dickens, ardently admired Dickens's depiction of social ills, But if Marx understood the writer's message, he must have gagged. Count that among the good that Christmas has done. Washington Post Writers Group.

ANDREW DAVIDSON.

plot. So the House of Commons sat

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

school teacher in a city near the

Ural mountains with a population

of 240,000. "My son goes to kin-

dergarren," she writes. "Tomorrow

he will not go to school at all. Two

kindergartens already have closed. His is the third. I don't know what

to do," Her husband lost his job at

a military plant "because of con-version," and she notes that many

workers are "dismissed on grounds

of redundance." Lyudmilla writes

that her seven-year-old daughter

wants a Barbie doll more than any-

thing else in the world. The cost of

the doll (20,000 rubles) is beyond

Lyudmilla's means: she barely

makes that a month. Lyudmilla

says: "She is patient about Barbie

because I promise. But how can I

keep the promise? This Christmas

I mailed a package to Lyud-

milia early this month. I hope it

KRISTY LEIGH OVERMAN.

In "The Depressed West Needs a

Social Philosopher" (Dec. 13), Flora

Lewis asks the right question: Why

can't world leaders break the cycles

of suffering and oppression? Robert

Discipline Is Lacking

Landing, New Jersey.

will be a terrible one."

arrives in time.

Building in the East

In response to the opinion column "The West Has Helped to Arouse an Irresponsible Nationalism" (Dec. 16) by William Pfaff:

The problems faced by the people of Eastern Europe are as great as ever and call for creative thinking and sustained support. But, as Mr. Pfaff suggests, the triumpha-list, naive and often misguided advice peddled by an army of Western advisers in Eastern Europe hardly counts. Long-term objectives of sustainable economic transformation have been cast aside in favor of a simplistic faith in the ability of the market to deliver in the short-term.

But, ironically, the transition from planned to mixed economy really needed a plan. A mixed economy would surely have been better served by a more pragmatic program of enhancing state functions and lostering a dynamic civil society, rather than by a singleminded emphasis on privatization. For now, the new economies will need to be built from the ground up, supported but not led from the out-side. The existing approach is a reci-pe otherwise for further backlash and "irresponsible nationalism." ED MAYO.

Director. The New Economics Foundation.

A Promise in Russia

cal views are routed in religious con- thoughts those who celebrate cently with young Russian profes- could be a country like Brazil, where victions should be ruled out of the Christmas this weekend. One can sionals living in urban as well as very few people are nich and the rest rural areas of that vast country. are very poor." This has been an exhilarating expe-

rience for me. It has also been a sad and troubling one.

The letters I have received tell the same story: Russia has been devastated in all possible ways. The euphoria that I felt as I followed the events leading to the dissolution of the Soviet Union seems naive in light of the suffering and despair, the hardship and uncertainty, with which the Russian people must now contend.

Elena is a doctor and teaches at the medical college in St. Peters-burg. She has recruited 60 medical students to provide home health care services to the elderly. "It is the elderly," she writes, "who are in the worst situation in Russia. We don't have Medicare." Elena provides the only home health service in St. Petersburg, a city with a population of more than 5 million. She works under severe financial constraints compounded by the fact that few who receive medical treatment are able to compensate her.

Jekaterina, a recent economics graduate, writes: "It is very hard to produce something in Russia today. We didn't work during the 76 years following the Revolution." She adds: "Criminals are creating spheres of influence. It is very simple to kill somebody. The situation in Russia today is the same as Chicago in the 1920s."

Tatyana is a graduate of St. Petersburg University's applied mathematics department. She works as a jewelry enterprise. Tatyana says she is "very much afraid that Russia Lyudmilla is an elementary

programmer-secretary at a private

THE ARABISTS: The Romance of an American Elite By Robert D. Kaplan. Illustrated. 333 pages. \$24.95. The Free

Press/Macmillan Reviewed by Christopher Lehmann-Haupt

I N the late 19th and 20th centuries an Arabist was merely a student of Arabic, like a Hellenist or a Latinist, writes Robert D. Kaplan at the outset of his intriguing new history. The Arabists: The Romance of an American Elite." But with the birth of Israel in 1948, the term Arabist quickly gathered another meaning." As Kaplan quotes Richard Mur-

phy, a former ambassador to Syria and to Saudi Arabia, the word Arabist "became a pejorative for he who intellectually sleeps with Arabs." The author then cites another ambassador who admits that "to a man, the American community in Syria and Lebanon remained opposed to the State of Israel and some even crossed the line into

How this state of mind evolved and what its consequences have been for American policy in the Middle East is the subject of Ka-plan's history. A contributing editor to The Atlantic and the author of several previous books on the Middle East, he argues that one result of the Arabist mind-set has

By Alan Truscott

A star Curiman parts strong hid for a second major ritle at the American Contract

Bridge League's Fall Nationals in Seattle, in November, Sabine Zen-

kel who won the Life Master Women's Pairs, led into the semifi-

nal stage of the Blue Ribbon Pair Champioships, playing with Tom Sanders of Nashville.

Ira Cohen and Walik Abdou.

both of Bakerslield, California, diced with death as North and

South on the diagramed deal. It

was played in the Open Board-a-Match Teams.

East might have opened with an

star German player made a

MacDonald)

"I pass the scene of the 1942
crime in Prague every day and I
never fail to ponder whether it was



Is this conclusion meant to imply

perialism in the area, the same way the South Vietnamese government was," as a former faculty member put it. Kaplan writes, "It is both symbolic and highly ironic that the first American taken hostage in Lebanon was David Stuart Dodge

AUB had fostered an atmosphere from which Arab nationalism could be born and develon." The narrative then veers to the

Weaver, who were respectively American ambassador to Sudan and a "refugee coordinator" ap-pointed to monitor the victims of a civil war in neighboring Ethiopia. These two Americans organized 19th-century American Protestant Operation Moses, in which black missionaries who went forth on a Ethiopian Jews, known as Falanew crusade to the Middle East, shas, were flown from the Horn of

> From this heroic account, Kaplan plunges into the debacle of outlook on Iran that governed events, he insists. As for Ambassador Giaspie: "She was not straight with Saddam," and she "was an area specialist who completely misjudged the overall situation," a misjudgment "that stemmed from the hubris that allowed Westerners to think they could modify the behavior of another culture and shape it in their own perfected image."

Aside from his ambiguity on antimake it a rule to have four aces. Semitism at this point, his conclu-"That would take the fun out of it," sion seems a heavy historical weight to put on Glaspie's shoulders, espe-cially when Kaplan has just finished offering evidence that it was her being a woman that was partly the problem, given Hussein's cultural biases. So as well as fudging the issue of anti-Semitism, the conclusion sion puts a strain on the book's main thesis. The link between the Iraq appearers and those 19th-century crusaders grows rusty along the way.
Still, despite its flaws, "The Arabists" remains a vital story. In several ways, the people Kaplan writes about are too alive to be frozen into thesis-supporting statues. His Arabists may prove adaptable, despite the crushing burden of the history he relates.

Christopher Lehmann-Haupt is on the staff of The New York Times.

... who at the time of his abduction was acting president of the AUB and who was proud that

stories of Hume Horan and Jerry



The Puritans brought to New England a Cromwellian detesta- yange tion of Christmas, the celebration of no

of which was made a crime in Mas-sachusetts in 1659. That edict was repealed in 1681, but in 1686 the minant governor needed two soldiers to escort him to Christmas services. In 1706 a Boston mob smashed the windows in a church holding Christmas services. New Yorkers, discolute and its discolute and the children was the children and the children and

one-man shopping mall.

It was not until 1885 that all courts.
Identify the second of mas Day off. President Chester Arthur, an otherwise sound fellow. signed that law. Franklin Roosevelt discerned Christmas's potential as a countercyclical program and Palestinmoved Thanksgiving from the last seeks to Thursday to the third Thursday in close the November in order to get Christmas t to know

talist, but a prince of a guy.

Karl Mark, who in 1849 settled in

BOOKS

WHAT THEY'RE READING

• Alan Levy, editor-m-chief of the Prague Post, is reading "The Killing of SS Obergruppenführer Reinhard Beydrich" by Callum

worth killing the engineer of the Final Solution when the act alone led to Lidice and other massacred villages in retaliation." (IHT)

to Israel.

Another was the U.S. appeasement of Iraq until it amexed Ku-

wait. Kaplan writes: "The famous encounter in July 1990 between U.S. Ambassador April Glaspie and Iraqi President Saddam Hussein was, in reality, two centuries in the making. Miss Claspie entered Saddam's lair freighted with the baggage of a venerable Arabist tra-dition. The real Iraq-gate was never a banking scandal but an epic hu-man story that parallels the history of the American Republic."

subtly that anti-Zionism was in-volved in the encouragement of Hussein? One can read this as an underlying message. But it should be quickly added that an important trait of "The Arabists" is the length

BRIDGE

bid was Roman Key-Card Black-

trump suit has been established.

been to encourage Arab opposition to which it goes to be balanced on the issue of anti-Semitism. Kaplan begins his story with the

soon acknowledged Muslim resistance to Christian conversion, fell in love with the land and culture and stayed on to encourage an iraq-gate, in which the United Arab revolt against European imperialism. The crown jewel of the with Iran. Not only does he not perialism. The crown jewel of the missionaries was what later was named the American University of Beirut, Iounded in 1871 as the Syrian Protestant College to promote the values of democracy, hard work and free intellectual incuries. and free intellectual inquiry. Next, in a section called "Reali-

ty," Kaplan traces the complex events in the 1960s that led some faculty members there to perceive Israel "as the arm of American im-

wood, a bid that assumes that a South thought clubs were estab-lished, and that his club king was ✓ A K Q 18 9 7 6 5 ◇ K Q J ♣ 10 the equivalent of an ace. He there-fore responded five clubs to show three key cards. But North thought that hearts had been agreed, and that South must have all three aces.

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Via hid a majeric seven no-iriumo. He bid a majestic seven no-trump. and East expressed disagreement

heart ace, if East had it, would score after any lead.

After a heart lead North-South 1 4 Pass 2 7
2 N.T. Pass 3 7
4 4 Pass 4 N.T.
5 4 Pass 7 N.T.
Pass Pass Pass West led the heart two.

by doubling.

West thought that his partner's double called for a heart lead, but he might have considered that the

Bribery Allegations Threaten Kingpin Of Japan Coalition

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches TOKYO - The kingpin of Japan's ruling coalition, Ichiro Ozawa, faced new allegations on Thursday that he took an unreported 10 million yen (\$90,000) from a building company implicated in a growing bribery and bidding scan-

Mr. Ozawa, who hammered together the eight-group coalition and is its shadow chief, has been unable to shake off numerous media reports that he took payoffs from big business.

The latest charge, in the daily Asahi Shimbun, could further tarnish Prime Minister Morihiro Hosokawa's government.

Mr. Hosokawa has relied heavily on Mr. Ozawa's experience in parliamentary strategy during his four months in power. Mr. Ozawa, 51, was formerly a leader of the Liberal Democratic Party, whose 38-year rule ended in August when the present coalition took power. If the charges against Mr. Ozawa

KOREA:

Split Narrows

Continued from Page 1

rea about its nuclear program. Mr. Butros Ghali agreed that any production of nuclear arms by the North would endanger nonproliferation efforts, officials in the president's office said.

Mr. Butros Ghali is to cross the highly militarized border to North Korea on Friday, becoming the first UN secretary-general to visit South and North Korea since 1979. Earlier in Washington, Repre-

sentative Ronald V. Dellums, a California Democrat, released a summary of a declassified CIA report on the nuclear potential of North Korea and other countries. The CIA concluded that North Korea has the technical potential to

tipped missile capable of reaching the United States. But it says this is unlikely to become a reality and that the po-

produce within 15 years a nuclear-

tential nuclear threat to America from Iran and Libya is even less. The CIA assessment was mixed but tended to discount any new

No evidence exists that any of the countries examined in this study are developing missiles nose of attacking" the United

5tick, it could leave Mr. Hosokawa without the muscle to push anticorruption bills through parliament and unite his seven-party coalition around a plan to prop up

Japan's struggling economy. Asahi Shimbun alleged that Mr. Ozawa took funds from Hazama Corp. two years ago in exchange for helping the company win a public works contract to build a dam in the politician's home region of Iwate, in northern Japan,

The paper quoted Mr. Ozawa's aide as saying the allegations were groundless. He did say that Mr. Ozawa had met Akira Kagami, Hazama's president, who was charged earlier this year in another public works scandal.

Asahi, citing sources close to Mr. Kagami, said the Hazama president visited Mr. Ozawa at his political office in mid-December 1991. at the same time the company's slush fund for political payoffs showed a payment of 10 million

Mr. Ozawa was then the third ranking member of the hierarchy of the biggest faction of lawmakers in the Liberal Democratic Party. After the faction chief, Shin Kanemaru, was linked to scandal.

Mr. Ozawa and other members bolted the Liberal Democratic Party to set up the splinter Japan Renewal Party, the central group in the current ruling alliance.

But controversy continues to pursue Mr. Ozawa, who is said to have learned his fund-raising skills from Mr. Kanemaru, known for wooing big business to raise huge amounts of political funds and control government behind the scenes.

"The coalition government's biggest concern is that prosecutors may decide to go after Ozawa, who during his LDP days most likely engaged in shady business to be come one of the party's most talented fund-raisers," said Michito-Takabatake, a professor of politics at Rikkyo University.

The bribery and bid-rigging scandal has so far led to the arrest of more than 30 construction industry executives, two regional governors and two big-city mayors.

There has been intense speculation that prosecutors, bolstered by the appointment of an anti-corruption warrior as prosecutor-general, are poised to go after major figures in what could become Japan's biggest postwar bribery scandal. Last month Mr. Ozawa admitted taking 5 million yen from a construction giant, Kajima Corp., but



HAPPY BIRTHDAY — Well-wishers outside the Imperial Palace in Tokyo saluting Emperor Akilito, who turned 60 on Thursday.

The researchers believe that hu-Soviet Chemical Weapons Plants Killed Thousands

MOSCOW -- Tens of thousands people died while producing chemical weapons in the former Soviet Union and some 300 sites were contaminated, Russian scien-

tists said Thursday. "From the medical point of view," said Lev Fyodorov, a chemist and president of the independent Union for Chemical Safety, our preparations for chemical war had disastrous consequences."

He spoke at a news conference at which Russian scientists revealed the extent of ecological and medical damage from the Soviet chemi-

cal weapons program, still largely a ing World War II, Mr. Fyodorov secret.

Mr. Fyodorov said the Russian who had been affected.

Official casualty figures or details on the dumping and contami- factories had no proper means of nated sites have never been pub-protection, dumped contaminated lished, and the numbers provided water into rivers, could not filter Thursday appeared to far exceed gas discharges and burned materi-

The former Soviet Union began producing chemical arms in 1924 in servicemen developed cancer and Moscow, and production later died after destroying outdated spread to other regions, becoming mustard gas by burning it at a especially intensive before and dur- chemical weapons base in Kam-

He estimated that "tens of thou-

government was doing little to un-veil past secrets and help people before the mid-1950s, from the effects of poisonous substances Mr. Fyodorov said World War II

als like mu ard gas at open sites. In the 1960s, a group of army

barka, in the province of Udmurtia, Mr. Fyodorov said. He said he had a written testimony and a name list ple who need urgent help."

He cited Novocheboksarsk, a from a former senior officer at the

About 300 sites across the former Soviet Union, where chemical weapons were produced, stored, tested or destroyed and which are currently home to about a million people — have been contan

"Neither the government, nor ecological and medical organiza-tions have paid attention to these consequences," he said. "We have

highest cancer rates, as did other cities that were "burned" by cheminical weapons production sites. Mr. Uglev and Mr. Fyodorov said the Russian military was still keeping information about the deadly program and its conse-

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The ex-Soviet Union and the present-day Russia have not declassified a single document about

CD4, has already been identified but scientists have suspected that "There is not a word of truth in one or more other receptors or the entire paper." Joseph Sodroski, an associate professor at Harvard agents also help HIV enter a cell. Luc Montaghier, who first isolat-Medical School said. "You can dis-The French research team, head-

AIDS vaccine.

French Study Fuels

A New AIDS Feud

In Paper, U.S. Scientist Says

'Not One Word of Truth'

WASHINGTON - A new trans-Atlantic fight over AIDS broke out Thursday as American

scientists attacked a published re-

port by French researchers who

said they had found a receptor mol-

ecule that helps the AIDS virus

miss the idea altogether."

ed by Ara Hovanessian of the Pas-

teur Institute in Paris, is publishing

the results of its study for the first

time in Friday's issue of the journal

in part at a conference in October.

were not receiving proper help

ed HIV in 1983 at the Pasteur Institute, defended the paper. "If each piece of data is taken separately, maybe it's not convincing," he told' Science in a related article. "But Science. They had described them

man blood cells might be protected against attack by HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, if the activity of

the receptor molecule CD26 can be.

inhibited. If proved correct, the

finding could aid the search for an

One receptor molecule, labeled

taken together, they fit very well." But Dr. Sodroski said: "Three times zero is zero. You don't build a convincing case by putting together three insufficient pieces of

Dr. Sodroski and researchers at several other U.S. institutions have generated data indicating that CD26 does not help HIV enter cells. "The results are wrong," he said. "They are not reproducible in other people's hands."

town of 130,000 on the Volga River The dispute recalled the French-American battle in the 1980s overwhere thousands of workers who produced a nerve gas in the 1970s who was first to discover the AIDS? virus Dr. Montagnier and Robert Forty percent of Novochebok-Gallo, a scientist at the National Institutes of Health in the United lidren have chronic illnesses and up to 90 percent of new-States, were declared co-discoverers of HIV. borns have abnormalities, he said. Vladimir Ugley, a scientist who

Thomas Schultz, a virologist at spent years in the Soviet chemical England's Chester Beatty Laboraweapons program, said his home town of Shikhany had the region's tories who studies how HIV enters' cells, also told Science he was "veryskeptical" that the CD26 results will prove true.

"I just don't trust many of the experiments," he said.

Science defended publication of the French report. "This paper was reviewed very thoroughly, by reoutside of the HIV community." the senior editor, Barbara Jasny, said in the accompanying article.

YELTSIN: With Rise of Extremism, Decision on Reform Seems Remote

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mocracy and free markets is the most important task of foreign policy. But the contrast between those stakes and the way support has been provided "has been so sharp," a prominent banker from a multilateral institution said, "as to appear almost contradictory."

Using the International Monetary Fund as their financial agent. the major industrialized nations of the West have set economic criteria for aid that have been very difficult to meet. Russia's failure to control bank credits and subsidies has led denied the money was illegal or the IMF and the West to provide (AP, AFP) constituted a bribe, (Reuters, AP) very little aid at all.

nations have washed their hands of serious bilateral commitments and avoided a commitment to reform.

A senior official of one multilateral agency added: "Nor, in a large sense, has the West given Russia any coherent road map for reform, with specific promises of real aid in steps along the way. It has basically let the IMF do all the talking, junior minister to junior minister.

Western economists also ask whether the IMF is an appropriate agent for the tasks required, which include social welfare, the development of small businesses and in-

And by making the fund the privestment to convert and strengthen mary vehicle for aid, the industrial newly privatized enterprises.

Briefing reporters in Washington on Monday, Strobe Talbott, am-bassador at large for the republics of the former Soviet Union, talked of Washington's new desire for "refining, focusing and intensifying our reform-support efforts," with-out ever defining what "reform" is. Is any sort of Russian "reform,"

short of a reversal to the command economy, good enough for Wash-ington? Is Prime Minister Viktor S. Chernomyrdin's idea of aggres investment to protect decaying businesses and empty jobs - never mind the inflation - "reform"

But in Washington there have been few officials publicly asking certain questions.

What, for example, is the West's responsibility in Russia? Is the dorov. West helping its friends or simply hoping that all will turn out for the best — in a world of tight domestic budgets where politicians fear being seen to support another comtry's unemployed?

If the West is not going to pay to an answer. Vitali Tretyakov, editor of Nezavisimayl Gazeta, says the West should stop giving Russians so much advice because. "We've got fools enough of our own."

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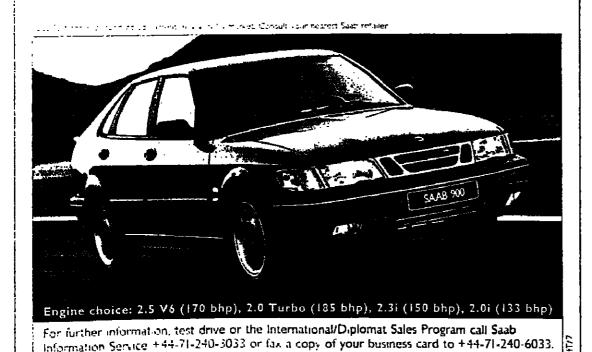
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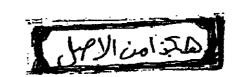
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Israelis and PLO To Meet in Cairo After Paris Impasse

By Roger Cohen
New York Times Service

PARIS - Israel and the Palestime Liberation Organization ended two days of talks on Thursday after failing to resolve differences that have held up the carrying out of the peace agreement they signed in September.

The two sides agreed to meet again in Cairo next week. Before leaving the Trianon Pal-

ace hotel in Versailles, where the negotiations took place. Foreign Minister Shimon Peres of Israel in-dicated that a breakthrough did not

"The only thing you can say is that we continue to talk," he said. "There is still a great deal of work to be done and we shall do it."

Mr. Peres and Yasser Abed Rabbo, a member of the PLO executive committee, held 36 hours of talks devoted almost exclusively to resolving the most contentious is-sue dividing them: Who should have control of checkpoints at the borders between Gaza and Egypt and the Jericho area and Jordan.

Under the peace agreement, the Gaza Strip and Jericho area are to come under autonomous Palestinian authority in what the accord describes as the first step in a fiveyear process leading to a compre-hensive settlement. But an Israeli military withdrawal from these areas, planned to start on Dec. 13, has been delayed, mainly by the disagreement over security ar-

Daniel Shek, a spokesman for the Israeli Embassy in Paris, read a statement issued by both parties, saying that: "On some of the issues there is agreement, while others still necessitate further talks. The negotiations will begin again next week in Cairo."

Israeli officials said some progress had been made toward a compromise involving the establishment of Israeli and Palestinian checkpoints at the borders. But the

Pontiff Deplores Algerian Violence

ROME — Pope John Paul II has condemned the campaign of killings carried out by Muslim militants in Algeria, saying Christians appeared to be the target of particular hostility.

In his first public comment on the violence in Algeria, the Pope did not mention Islam but ap-pealed to common religous ground held by Christians and Muslims.

The strife between security forces and Muslim militants started in January 1992 after the cancelfundamentalist Islamic Salvation Front was poised to win. The front was subsequently bauned. More than 1,800 people have been killed in the political violence.

Restaurant Private Club NEW YEAR'S BVE details of how they would operate, and who would be subject to inspection at which post, were still

"Let us say that the notion of a compromise was accepted here, which already constitutes pro-gress," one Israeli official said. "There was an exchange of detailed texts, far more detailed than in Norway. But the usual haggling on the form of the compromise will take some time still. We are not there yet, by any means.'

The talks followed earlier negotiations in Norway last weekend, which also failed to break the dead-

■ Delays 'Not Catastrophic' A Norwegian peace negotiator said Thursday that delays in carry-ing out the Israeli-PLO accord were unfortunate but not catastrophic, Reuters reported.

"It's clear that the longer it's put off, the more dangerous it is for the peace process," said Terje Roed Larsen after peace talks in France ended inconclusively on Thursday. "It's unfortunate that such delays happen, but it's not cata-strophic," he said in an interview with Norwegian radio in France.

Mr. Larsen, the head of the Norwegian Institute for Applied Social Science, helped broker the original accord on Palestinian autonomy in

the Gaza Strip and Jericho this year

in secret talks in Norway.



Israeli soldiers arresting a Palestinian suspected of throwing a firebomb Thursday in Gaza City.

ISRAEL: Hamas Guerrillas Offer a Unilateral Three-Day Cease-Fire

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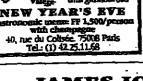
that mattered. Khaled Oudeh, a PLO official in Bethlehem, said his office had received freah instructions from Mr. Arafat to keep all flags up.
"We are committed to turning

Christmas into a national celebration for all Palestinians, both Muslims and Christians," Mr. Oudeh said. "If the Israelis insist on pull-ing the flag down, we will raise it again." Mr. Rabin decided Thursday that he would not give in after one of his aides sought a ruling after receiving a phone call from Mr. Freij, said a Rabin spokesman. Another Rabin aide accused the PLO of exploiting Christmas for its olitical agenda.
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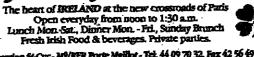
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cord. once-outlawed Palestinian controls the area, and troops have El Fatah is keen to sell the acflags have been flying from roof-tops throughout the occupied lands. However, Israel's West Bank

Flags are not illegal under mili-Jericho as the foundation of an military government bars Palestin- tary regulations, but the rules say

ian flags from being flown from that troops should remove inciting public buildings as long as Israel material.

independent homeland.

Midnight Knock at Arab Door A Nonviolent Palestinian Meets Israeli Muscle

By David Hoffman

Washington Post Service
BEIT SAHOUR, Israeli-Occupied West Bank — It was after midnight when Elias Rishmawi heard the knock at his door.

A well-known Palestinian pharmacist, Mr. Rishmawi assumed it was another emergency request for medicine. But when he answered the door, Rishmawi was face-to-face with the Israeli Army, and a top officer in Israel's internal security service, the

They took Mr. Rishmawi, a Christian, to the Bethlehem military headquarters, and later to the Dahariyye detention center in the West Bank, where he was held for seven nights.

He was never charged with wrongdoing, or accused of any violence. Mr. Rishmawi said his interrogators told him he was a "big inciter," but "they didn't explain what kind of incitement."

He said they questioned him about his outspoken advocacy of a Palestinian tax revolt against the Israeli authorities, his legal battle against the occupation and his criticism of the accord between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization that provides for self-rule in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of According to Palestinians, Mr. Rishmawi is a stub-

bornly independent businessman known for advocating nonviolent protest, chiefly through the legal system. He is a founder and member of the board of the Rapprochement Center, which has encouraged dialogue between Palestinians and Israelis, in this pre-dominantly Christian town of 12,000, long a strong-hold of the radical Popular Front for the Liberation of His arrest underscores how, even after the Sept. 13 agreement, Israel remains the dominant power in the

territories and continues to use its muscle to try to muffle radical views. Under the pre-1948 British mandate-era emergency regulations still used by Israel, a person can be arrested, interrogated and held up to eight days without being charged or allowed to see a

The arrests and detentions are one aspect of the Israeli occupation that Palestinians would most like to see ended, although it is not clear when the Israeli security service will begin to relinquish the broad police powers it now exercises in the territories.

Asked why Mr. Rishmawi was arrested, an Israeli security official said, "We will have no comment on specific cases."

Mr. Rishmawi "was always for legal action, and usually that does not go hand in hand with someone who supports violence," said Avigdor Feldman, a civil rights lawyer who represented Mr. Rishmawi and other Palestinians in a legal challenge, now before

Israel's High Court, seeking to unveil the financial records of the Israeli occupation.

Mr. Feldman said the arrest was "extremely strange and uncalled for" and added, "I can think of no

explanation but harassment." Mr. Rishmawi was one of about 30 Palestinians arrested and held the same week. According to Pales-tinians, most of them were suspected of being activists in the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a radical faction of the PLO based in Damascus that has opposed the accord. The front is outlawed by Israel, which regards it as a terrorist group, although it continues to have a following among Palestinians in

Mr. Rishmawi, 45, said that he was not a member of any political faction. But he acknowledged speaking out against the accord, the Israeli occupation and the PLO chairman, Yasser Arafal

A soft-spoken father of three, Mr. Rishmawi has strongly held opinions. He was a leader in the Beat Sahour tax revolt at the beginning of the Palestinian uprising known as the intifada. The residents of this tightly knit community refused to pay income or value-added taxes as a protest against the Israeli authorities, saying they had not received the services they were paying for, and that the money was going to finance the military occupation. In response, the Israe-li Army closed off the town in 1989 and laid virtual siege to it for 42 days in a series of tax raids.

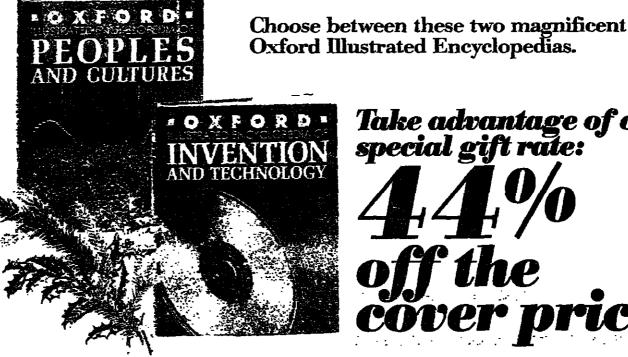
Mr. Rishmawi, who had been detained by the Israelis during the tax revolt and whose pharmacy storeroom was raided, carried on the battle in the courts. He and 91 other self-employed merchants and professionals from Beit Sahour and surrounding villages filed a lawsuit against Israel, which is pending before Israel's high court.

The suit charges that Israel has been taxing Palestininns at a higher rate than Israeli Jews, and it seeks to force the Israeli military government to disclose the financial details of the occupation. They want to know how tax money taken from the tetritories is spent.

Mr. Rishmawi is not alone in his claim that Israel has profited from the occupation. Many Palestinians and some Israelis have argued for years that Israel was effectively a colonial power in the territories, absorbing cheap labor without investing. Mr. Rishmawi said the Israeli policies forced capital to flee the territories, while leaving the infrastructure wrecked and all but prohibiting private investment.

But his concerns are broader. He has warned Palestinians that the peace accord with Israel could lead to a harsh new regime under Mr. Arafat. He fears that Mr. Arafat's militia and the Israelis will move to quash any dissent among Palestinians.

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Nabokov: The Gift of Butterflies

Writer's Legacy In Swiss Exhibit

By Mavis Guinard

AUSANNE, Switzerland - Those butterflies that flit through Nabokov's writings. Are they real? Mostly, Fifteen years ago, Vladi-mir Nabokov bequeathed to Lausanne's Museum of Entomology 4,323 butterflies neatly packed in dozens of blue and gold tins of Allenbury's pastilles.

And from the 43 glass-covered boxes in the writer's collection the museum has assembled an exhibition, "Nabokov et ses Papillons," on view until Jan. 29 in the Cantonal Library at Lausanne University. Vladimir Vladimirovich Nabokov, born in

Russia in 1899, was an observant, poetic ento-mologist. In "Speak Memory," he remembers his father, a liberal Russian aristocrat, telling him of the tragic destiny of the "painted lady" migrating from African plains "to reach the shores of Europe in early spring . . . and even the extreme north of the earth," hastening southward on the first cold days but perishing before reaching the warmth.

Butterflies were Nabokov's passion from

the age of 7. "If my first glance of the morning was for the sun, my first thought was for the butterflies." They led him on. In one swallowtaii -- "a splendid pale yellow creature with . . . a cinnabar evespot above each chrome rimmed black tail" that escaped his intense childish desire - Nabokov compresses a lifetime pursuit after "a golden fleck dipping and dodging and soaring eastward, over timber and tundra. to be finally overtaken and captured after a 40-year race on an immigrant dandelion under an endemic aspen near Boulder."

STEEMED among Russian émigré intelligentsia for his writing, he earned only a pittance tutoring languages, tennis and boxing or making crossword puzzles in Berlin and Paris, Early in World War II. Nabokov obtained visas and passage for himself. his wife and young son, Dmitri, and landed in America in May 1940.

Butterflies gained him research contracts at New York's Museum of Natural History. can then in Harvard's Museum of Comparative Zoology while teaching popular European literature courses at Wellesley and Cornell Publishing scientific papers each year and ruining his eyesight for hours at the microscope identifying butterfly genitalia, at 40 Nabokov turned to writing masterful biography, intricately patterned fiction and poetry, no longer in Kussian, but in English.

In 1951. Nabokov caught up with his childhood dream. That summer, in Telluride. Colorado, he bagged "the first known female Lycaeides argytognomon sublivens and called it Nabokov. . . . I bungled my family's vacation but got what I wanted." Far more than he had hoped: in that

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British pawnshops are looking a lot like Christmas, lending to cash-strapped people prepared to pledge everything from Bentleys and Jaguars to star sapphires. "The gents tend to pledge watches We're getting upward of 30 or 40 Rolex watches a week," says Andrew Brown, a London pawnbroker. He said women who run into debt sometimes try to hide it, "It's an age-old problem. These women overspend on their credit cards and don't want their husbands finding out." And hope

they don't notice the Jaguar is missing.



Nabokov, butterfly hunting in Switzerland; portrait by Karsh of Ottawa.

roadside restaurants, tourist attractions across magnificent landscapes and "the crazy quilt of 48 States." Nabokov also netted did details that contributed to make his 12th novel, "Lolita," a best-seller, in 1955. After the Stanley Kubrick film, the Russianborn writer, now a recognized American writer, could afford to give up teaching and return to Europe.

OR almost another 20 years the Nabokovs lived in the relative warmth of the Swiss Riviera and the comfort of the turn-of-the-century Palace Hotel. In long khaki shorts, the balding writer with a butterfly net became a fixture of the hotel garden and Alpine meadows. After his last novel, "Ada", and his researching "Butterflies in Art" when he died in 1977.

In the battered trunk, his widow, Vera, turned over to the Lausanne entomologists were dozens of tins, empty of cough drops but filled with butterflies in neatly labeled paper triangles. They were the last hauls of a passionate lepidopterist who — in his 70s — said he hated to heave his bulk from a comfortable chair but could hike miles on mountain slopes for European specimens he coveted.

The greatest value of Nabokov's gift," says Daniel Cherix, head of the entomology department, "lies in the intelligent selection. Nabokov's knowledge of butterflies enabled him to bag only specimens of top scientific interest." Older members of the department remember the tall, slightly stooped figure who dropped by to check collections or just chat. "We filed them as he had, by place and by date: from his catches in the Valais, the Engadine, the Italian lakes, Corsica, Sicily, Portugal or the Var we can to spot changes in the environment. Where sites have been damaged from the pesticides or the dumps he denounced back then, many species have disappeared," Cherix says.

"En papillotes," he adds, "Nabokov's butterflies were safe for later study." Researchers removed a few at a time from the folded papers, dampened them, unfolding and spreading out the wings, pinning them with "a satisfying crackle produced by the pin penetrating the hard crust of the [insect's] thorax; the careful insertion of the point of the pin in the cork-bottomed groove of the spreading board; the symmetrical adjustment of the thick, strong-veined wings under neatly affixed strips of semi-transparent pa-

per," as Nabokov once described them.
In the exhibition, texts are matched to butterflies: Nabokov, writer, is definitely ninned to Nabokov, lepidopte once of a fascinating career). The Lausanne University zoology department has also edited a catalogue, more informative than glossy. The last section lists every butterfly of his European collection (early Russian collections were lost: American collections remain in New York, Harvard and Cornell).

The catalogue's astonishing literary contribution is a "comprehensive index to all the real and imaginary butterflies and moths found in Nabokov's English writings." The list, set up by Nabokov's German translator, Dieter E. Zimmer, includes not just butterflies in the novels and short stories but in interviews, autobiography, selected letters and scientific papers. A monastic task that Nabokov — who could spend hours peering through the "light well of a microscope" to identify a species or flipping through dictionary and thesaurus to find the precise shade of a word - would certainly appreciate.

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Tokyo Revs Up for the Holidays

By David E. Sanger New York Times Service

OKYO - If Asia has a capital city, Tokyo is it. From the air and even from the highway, it may look like an unrelieved ode to urban gray, but at ground level it is one of the most bustling and international cities in the Far East, and in some ways the most deceiving.

boutiques in the Ginza, the English-language signs everywhere — leads many visitors to the quick conclusion that this is a familiar place, albeit one so sprawling that getting around is a bit intimidating. In fact, getting around is a cinch, with an outstanding subway and train system.

The hard part is sorting out the two Tokyos — the caffeine-charged city of all-day business and all-night drinking, and quiet neighborhoods where old men in their yukata robes and geta, or clunky wooden san-dals, make their way back home from the public baths.

Most visitors spend their time in the hightech and Western Tokyo, from the electronics shops of the Akihabara district, stocked with goods that have yet to hit the rest of the world, to the coffee shops filled with young people who seem to feel equally at home in New York, Honolulu or the Ginza.

But it is still worth searching for the tiny enclaves of the second city. That is where the few remaining geisha alight from rickshaws and head for the *ryotei*, or private restaurants of the wealthy and powerful, and you are left standing in wonder at the hidden life. The latter Tokyo gets harder to find every

year. But if you are willing to wander, particularly in the out-of-the-way neighborhoods that seem to live independently of much of the city, the remnants of old Tokyo are still Unfortunately, never before has the prospect of visiting Tokyo seemed so financially daunting as it does these days.

But there is hope. The surprisingly severe economic downturn in Tokyo has not cast many people into the street, but it has resulted in some bargains — discounts at major stores, better prices on set-course meals at

The usual rules apply: Eat what the Japa-nese eat, stay out of hotel shops and restan-

rants, be willing to get lost.
You will never be far from a subway entrance, and there is no safer city in the world. And the best part of Tokyo, the life

on the streets and the temple grounds, is free. The New Year's holiday, one of the most magical periods to be in Tokyo, offers a tremendous variety of special events.

On Jan. 2, the public is allowed into the rounds of the Imperial Palace; the rest of the year (except for the emperor's birthday Dec. 23) only the gardens are open. The royal family greets everyone, from a distance of course, from 9:30 A. M. to 11 A. M.

On Dec. 27 to 29 there is a year-end fair. called Toshi-no-Ichi, at Yagenbori Fudoson Temple right near Higashi-Nihonbashi Station, and another on Dec. 28 at Meguro Fudoson Temple, near Meguro Station. Those fairs have everything from food to stalls selling old wares.

Omisoka, or New Year's Eve, the whole city heads out to neighborhood temples, to hear 108 peals of the temple bell at midnight. One of the best celebrations, full of smiling Buddhist priests and great food stalls and sake, is at Zojoji Temple; go to Onarimon, Shiba-Koen or Daimon Stations, and follow the crowds.

Other famous celebrations are at Gokokuji Temple by the subway station of the same name, and at Sensoji near Asakusa, but even a small neighborhood temple will be full of charm, as residents build bonfires and

bring their pets to be blessed.
On the days just after New Year's, many Tokyo residents — foreigners and Japanese alike — take an annual trek to "Shitamachi," literally the "low city," the center of Tokyo life until a century and a half ago. It is on the far side of the river from Asakusa, and the neighborhood is littered with small temples that each have a long connection in the history and mythology of the area.

Smoking/No Smoking Directed by Alain Resnais. France.

Resnais has taken a couple of his favorite themes - time and contingency -as well as a couple of his favorite actors - Sabine Azema and Pierre Arditi - and made a double-barreled drawing-room comedy with melancholy undercurrents and a dozen different endings. Adapted from Alan Ayckbourn's "Intimate Exchanges, the two films portray a nightmare of multiple choices in the lives of ordinary people in Yorkshire — artificial creatures flapping their wings from golf course to church graveyard. Against a deliberately contrived looking set, Azema and Arditi tackle the cast of characters from top to bottom, playing nine different parts between them: an adulterous wife and befuddled husband, a befuddled wife and drunken husband, assorted friends, rela-

tions and domestics. They act

British with such brio, the fact

they are French adds another

dimension to the stylized, orga-

nized mayhem. With its faux-

naive accoutrements and child-

like Game Boy challenge,

Resnais's theatricals add up to bizarre, sophisticated fun, but audiences will have to be very sophisticated indeed to sit through more than four hours playing time. (Joan Dupont, IHT)

Directed by Kon Ichikawa.

duced this feature film is touting its high-definition origins, and the fact that it was successfully laser-converted to film. And certainly the color gradation, the sharp focus, and the various optical effects of which HDTV is canable are most impressive. The sponsors are not. however, much emphasizing the story, the production, or the direction - and this too is wise. Veteran Kon Ichikawa has adapted yet another traditional Shugoro Yamamoto story about a lady with amnesia and her understanding samurai husband. Coming from nowhere. she wears gorgeous kimonos, exhibits wifely virtues, gives him a child, and then solemnly disappears. The film is thus structured just like the director's two earlier pictures, "Prin-

cess from the Moon" and "Tsuru," both of which did littie credit to the director of "Harp of Burma," "Enjo" and "Fires on the Pisin." Rether, this film is yet another edition deluxe, packaging equal parts of hi-tech and the Japanesque, mod but trad.

(Donald Richie, [HT)

Pelican Brief Directed by Alan J. Pakula. U.S.

Millions of people have already seen "The Pelican Brief," though it is only now opening at neighborhood theaters. That's because John Grisham's novel is written as instant movie material. It has a big secret; it has a big explosion; it has a conspiracy plot that leads all the way to the top. It has a heroine who sounds exactly like Julia Roberts, if Julia Roberts were going to law school. Grisham has even incorporated lots of New Or leans and Washington scenery. thus giving his intrigue plot some extra tourist appeal. Grisham, a fixture at the top of the best-seller list and the most cinematic popular author this side of Michael Crichton, habitually writes half-books. The opening

to persuade the reader even when there are strong indications to the contrary. As written and directed by Alan J. Pa-kula: with all the glossy ionalism he can muster professionalism he can muster, the film version of "The Pelican Brief" has much the same tenor. It is, in fact, the closest thing to an exact transcription of Gusham's novel as might have been imagined. The story, neatly compressed, unfolds in depend able and photogenic ways. And it is coaxed along by Pakula's considerable skills as a brisk, methodical filmmaker. It could be shorter, and it could be more imaginative (Sydney Pollack's

setures are what self his stories

even if they disintegrate into campty skulldaggery and weak

endings. It helps that his prose is crisp and streamlined enough

superior version of "The Firm" really did breathe life into Grisham's paper-thin characters.) But as a fast-moving, goodlooking visual replica of an intriguing pothoiler, it also could have been a lot worse. Neither Roberts nor Denzel Washington is shown to great dramatic advantage, but they both do a lot to make the movie shine. (Janet Maslin/NYT)

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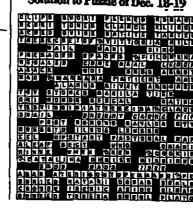
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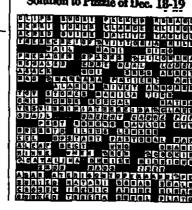
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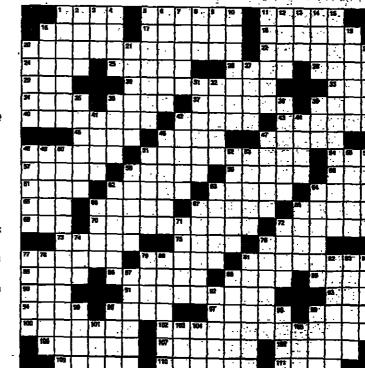
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The Handicaps of Golfing Holidays

By Roger Collis New York Times Service

GOLFING break may seem the ideal way to combine business with pleasure. But if you are planning to pack your clubs when you take off for the holidays, be warned: Golf is a great way to unwind and perhaps nurture business contacts, but they could be evaluating more than institute warner. ing more than just your swing: How you behave on the golf course can relect how you behave in business. Your management

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style is on the line each time you tee off.

These are the findings of a survey of 400 American executives carried out by Hyatt Hotels Corporation. Respondents were semior managers (vice president or above) earning more than \$100,000 a year who the played at least six rounds of golf over the past year. The sample was split 78 percent men and 22 percent women, matching the percentage of female golfers in the United States. The mean age in the study was 51. Nearly a quarter of the 30 million golfers in the 11 S are management evacutives. the U.S. are management executives.

Predictably, almost all executives say that "playing golf with a business associate is a good way to establish a closer relationship"; and over a third say "some of my biggest deals are made on the golf course." But while nearly all say "playing golf is a good way to relieve stress," half have thrown or broken a club after making a bad shot; 12 percent say "golf is more important to me than sex" (slightly more women than men); more than a third of those (55 percent) who admit cheating at golf have also cheated in business

at least once, and 47 percent say that "the way somebody plays golf is very similar to how be or she conducts business."

"If I want to get to know someone, start to do business with them, I play golf with them," says Darryl Hartley-Leonard, president of Hyatt Hotels Corporation in Chicago. "They have let you into the inner sanctum of their

life. I really believe that more deals are being done on the golf course than any other place in America. I think it is because on the whole

in America. I think it is because on the whole you can make a pretty good assessment of someone when you spend about four hours on the golf course with them.

"The obvious thing is whether that person cheats. Someone might say 'my handicap is 12,' you play with them and they shoot 78. You know that that person's major interest is winning, not telling the truth. When you know somebody like that you just won't want to do business with them. Or the person who goes into the trees looking for a lost ball

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and you just happen to notice later on the green that it is a different ball. The other side is when someone does a chip shot, accidentally hits the ball twice, which you didn't hear happen, then calls that extra shot on themselves. You say, I like this guy. Then there are people who throw chebs, who lose their termselves and consent the cheby the contract their temper and scream at the caddie. I have seen outrageous behavior on the golf course from people who are seemingly honorable, decent family types.

"Salespeople are very interesting to watch. They will often throw a game if they assess that the person they're playing with needs to win. What does it say about somebody who needs to win all the time? Say you're thinking of hiring somebody. You'll see a person who maybe starts out with two or three bad holes and they will give up. The blown this round.'
Not trying to fight back. Well, you can imagine what kind of aggression they are going to use to fix things that go wrong in business."

As in all self-respecting surveys, there are

several types of demographic and psychographic categories to choose from:

Power Players: The most likely to link playing golf with doing business. They are mostly likely to believe that golf is a good way to develop business contacts. These are

play golf in terrible weather, and 77 percent agree that "I am happiest when I'm on a golf course." They spend the most money on golf equipment and are the most likely to gamble and show their temper on the golf course. They have a higher income (\$116,000) than the rest of the percent

Non-Competitors: They mainly view golf as relaxing and fun (55 percent of the women researched are in this category). They are most likely to be women, play less often than the other groups, less likely to associate golf with business and less likely to gamble. They score lowest as risk-takers in business.

• Gunslingers: They are the most likely to cheat. They are also largest group (75 per-cent) who say that "gambling makes the game more enjoyable." They are the most frequent golfers (89 percent played at least 21 times in the past year) and are likely to use oversized clubs with balls that don't hook or slice. Nearly 90 percent are young (48) married males, who have been playing golf for over 20 years.

• Escapists: Most enjoy playing golf on vacation (80 percent), are also competitive golfers; 84 percent say "I always play hard to beat the others in my foursome"; while preterring to play with people who play better than they do. They are the group most likely to take lessons from a pro (66 percent). While they seem confident in their financial future, they are the ones most likely to say "I

basically do not like my job" (12 percent). This group is slightly older (53), and has played golf longer (25 years) than the others. "What surprised me about the study is that people agreed with it, but had not realized that that's what they had been doing." Hartley-Leonard says. "People said, Yes, I have that but I never concentrated on it." knew that, but I never concentrated on it. Also, I didn't realize how many people cheated, in a game that sets itself up as a paragon of virtue, where cheating is the most abominable thing.

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Kunstforum der Bank Austria, tel: (222) 531-24, daily. To Feb. 20: "Barock in Neapel." Paintings and sketches of the Neapolitan school of Baroque in the 17th and 18th centuries, including the period between 1707 and 1734 during which the Austrian Habsburgs reigned as vice-roys in Naples.

Ethnographical Museum, tel: (3) 231-20-56, closed Mondays. Confin-uing/To Dec. 31: "The Face of the Spirits: Masks from Zaire."

BRITAIN

Academie Italiana, tel: (71) 225-3474, daily. Continuing/To Jan. 23: "Renaissance Florence: The Age of

Netional Portrait Gallery, tel: (71) 306-0055, daily. Continuing/To Jan. 23: "Thomas Eakins and the Heart of American Life."

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Montreal
Canadian Center for Architecture, tel: (514) 939-7026, closed Mon-days and Tuesdays. Continuing/To Jan. 2: "Exploring Rome: Piranesi and His Contemporaries."

Paris
Institut Neerlandeis, 1et: 47-05-8599, closed Mondays. To Jan. 30:
"L'Ari en Hollande aux temps de David et Philippe de Bourgogne: Tresors du Catharijneconvent a
Utrecht." Medieval pieces including
church vestments, illuminated manu-Scripts and incurabula, sculptures.

Musée National des Aris Asiatiques-Gulmet, tel: 47-23-61-65.

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Musée Cernuschi, tel: 45-63-50-75,
closed. Mondays. Continuing/To
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Guanzhong." More than 50 works by
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teatures 90 works drawn from varifeatures 90 works drawn from various ethnographic museums.

GERMANY

Deutsche Oper, tel: (30) 34-38-1.
Puconi's "Turandot." Conducted by
Marcello Viotti, with Gwyneth Jones,
Peter Gougaloff, Kurt Rydl and Giorgio Merighi. Jan. 16, 19 and 21.
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Schirn Kunsthalle, tel: (69) 29-9882-11, daily. Continuing/To Jan. 2:
"Leselust: Niederlandische Malerei
des Goldenen Zeitalters von Rembrandt bis Vermeer." Dutch paintings
of the 17th century in which written
texts play a decisive role.

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Nationaltheater, tel: (89) 22-13-16.
Senjamin Britlen's "Peter Grimes."
Conducted by Richard Amstrong,
with Kenneth Riegel/Rene Kollo,
Pamela Coburn/Annegeer Stumphus. Jan. 4, 9 and 12.

RELAND

Irish Museum of Modern Art, tel: 671-8666, closed Mondays. Contin-uing/To Jan. 16: "Max Ernst: Sculp-ture 1934-1974."

ISRAEL

The Israel Museum, tel: (2) 708-811, daily. Continuing/To Jen. 4: "Marc Chagal: Dreams and Drama."

Testro Verdi, tel: (55) 239-6242.
Paissello "Il Barbiere di Siviglia," conducted by Evelino Pido, with Alessandro Corbelli, Christine Barbaux, Luca Canonici. Jan. 23, 25, 27, 30 and Feb. 2.

Milan
Palazzo Reale, tel: (2) 87-19-13. To
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(1678-1935) from the Russian State
Museum in St. Petersburg.
Teatro alla Scala, tel: (2) 80-91-60.
Sergey 'Prokofiev's "The Angel of
Fire." Conducted by Riccardo Chailly
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14. 16. 18. 20. 23. 25. 26. and 28.

Palazzo Grassi, tel: (41) 52 31 680. Continuing/To Jan. 4: "The Unknown Modigliani."

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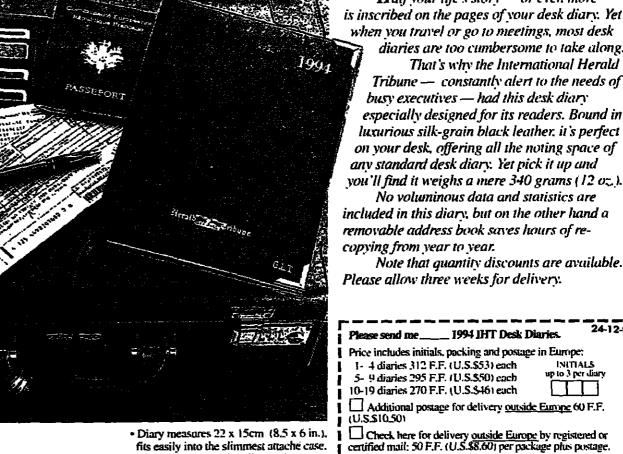
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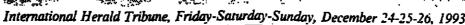
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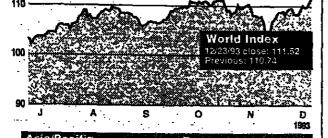
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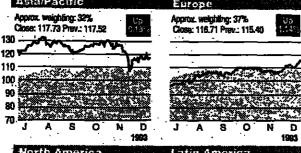
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CSA Pact Calls for Shake-Up

Foreign Holders Seek to End Loss

AFP-Exiel News

PRAGUE - The new chairman of CSA announced an imminent restructuring Thursday after the Czech government reached an agreement with Air France and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the Czech air-line's foreign shareholders.

Aviation industry sources said the restructuring was a response to a request from the shareholders to stop CSA's losses.

Antonin Jakubse, the chairman, was quoted by the Czech news agency CTK as saying the carrier's transportation and services lines would be senarated and the services unit broken up into "satellite divisions" including a travel agency, a charter airline and a catering and maintenance unit.

He said some jobs would be cut in unprofitable areas but gave no figures. CSA employs 4,400 people. Mr. Jakubse said the airline would need state help over the next two years to make a profit. CSA this year has had a loss of about 1.2 billion koruny (\$41.1 million).

Air France and the Caisse des Depots & Consignations together hold 19.1 percent of CSA, and the EBRD has 20 percent. The Czech government holds 49 percent.

Air France said it did not plan to withdraw as an investor in CSA, but it was understood to have asked for compensation for the overvaluation of the airline at the time of its privatization.

The accounting firm Ernst & Young has said CSA was overvalued by 746 million koruny, and Air France and the FBRD have asked the Czech government to put in \$26 million of additional capital as

compensation, sources said. CSA's problems stem from low market share and high financial charges. The Czech market remains depressed because of the economic climate, and the company faces problems in competing with estab-lished international carriers.

Adrift Without a Map **Ex-IBM Managers and Families Feel Lost**

By Joseph Berger

New York Times Service
POUGHKEEPSIE, New York — Every two weeks, three men and three women who put their faith in the eternal prosperity and benevolence of IBM gather in one another's living rooms to talk and, at times, to shut their eyes and clasp their

hands in prayer.

Last April, the three men, high-level professionals in their 50s, were among the 7,700 workers in the mid-Hudson Valley who through layoffs and buyouts lost what they believed were lifelong IBM jobs, and their wives were among thousands of spouses who lost a robust sense of the future.

Now, gathered around an antique coffee table, drinking hot spiced cider, the men talk about how

hard it is after more than 20 secure years at International Business Machines Corp. to go hunting for jobs or clients, to realize they will probably never again make anywhere near the salaries of \$80,000 they once made, or to keep up their self-respect.

The wives talk about how upsetting it is see to see husbands fumbling about at home at midday. to haggle with doctors over medical bills, to ask college age children not to fly home for Thanksgiv-ing and to give up dreams of finally opening a pottery studio.

While the loss of a job may hurl a working-class family into a life of poverty, it has a profound effect on these more cushioned lives as well. We don't know how to make it out there," said

Virginia Young, who grew up in an IBM family and married an IBM man. "And that is probably the scariest thing. All my life, IBM has described the future. Now I don't know what it's going to be." The upheaval that has wrenched these former IBM workers and their families has rippled through much of the countryside of the mid-Hudson Valley, home to the three mammoth plants

that make the company's mainframe computers

and its semiconductor chips.
"Dutchess County has had this warm comfortable security blanket called IBM for decades," said William R. Steinhaus, the county executive. "People before me were very passive when it came to job diversification because they felt IBM was their meal ticket. That has come back to haunt us big time." Just as dispiriting as the economic pain is how it has been mirrored by psychological pain.

Social-service officials say men and women who did not necessarily work for IBM but whose lives nonetheless depended on its vitality, are succumbing to drink, violence and despair. In one year, said Dr. Kenneth M. Glatt, Dutchess County mental bealth commissioner, there has been an 11 percent upsurge in people treated at the county's five mental health clinics and other programs, a rise he attributed to the fallout from IBM cutbacks.

Allan D. Thomas, who directs Family Services of the Mid-Hudson and Harlem Valleys, a non-

'All my life, IBM has described the future. Now I don't know what it's going

Virginia Young, wife of a former market analyst for IBM.

profit counseling agency, said its caseload of abused wives and other crime victims has doubled. The nation's largest computer maker had always prided itself for its cradle-to-grave obligation to workers and their families without the intervention

IBM was the fulcrum of the workers' social life, the place that paid for their country clubs, college courses and medical expenses and gave lavish Christmas parties for their children.

Dutchess County, which has two IBM plants one in Poughkeepsie that assembles mainframes and one in East Fishkill that manufactures chips — was the equivalent of a mill town, providing 60 percent of the county's manufacturing jobs and 20 percent of overall jobs. And IBM gave its workers and their families a rock-hard identity. "To be an IBM executive was to have great

significance." Mrs. Young said. A minister's daughter, she grew up in New Jersey and Pennsylvania with two uncles and a cousin who worked for the company and felt part of the singular culture. "When I was in college in

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STAR TV Buys 49% of Indian Cable Channel

vision, the Asian satellite broad-caster controlled by Rupert Mur-doch's News Corp., bought on Thursday a 49.9 percent stake in would climb above 50 percent in Asia Today Ltd., which broad- the next couple of years. casts the popular Indian cabletelevision station Zee TV.

The Australian-born media magnate's acquisition of a large stake in a Hindi-language station with broad appeal is likely to trigger political controversy in India. where the state-controlled television station Doodarshan has been losing its viewership to cable operators who have been showing the STAR TV network.

Despite the potential for ruffling feathers, STAR says it already has approval from the Indian govern-ment for the purchase. The price was not disclosed.

"We have been in close and careful consultation with the Indian government, and they have given us tacit approval," said Charlie Hor-rell, STAR's business-development

manager.
"We wouldn't have spent the money if we thought there was a problem brewing, and we have deliberately not taken more than 50 percent," he said. "We are not going to impose any Western culture

He also said that while Asia Tochased from Indian institutions and businessmen.

Zee is currently seen in 7.8 mil- one that Doordarshan."

lion homes, about 25 percent of the HONG KONG - STAR Tele- total households with televisions in

> It has also significant viewership in the United Arab Emirates, Oman, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Pakistan. Advertising agencies said the ac-quisition would put STAR in a strong position in an increasingly important market.

> "India is becoming one of the key markets for advertisers and this should be seen as a very smart move by STAR," said Sue Johns, media director at J. Walter Thompson Hong Kong.

> She said that India may grow more rapidly than China as a market for advertising because there were less government restrictions. Subhash Chandra, who was the

founder of the station and will continue to operate it, said Zee would continue to be a mix of entertainment and films aired predominantly in Hindi. The channel will gradually increase its hours of transmission to a full 24-hour schedule from 87 hours per week it has now.

Mr. Horrell said that Zee is the most popular station in India for those who can receive it. "Doordarday is Indian-run it is incorporated shan shows nothing but old-fashin the British Virgin Islands. Mr. joned movies and is dull and hadly Horrell said the stake was pur- produced," he said. "While Zee may not be a sophisticated broadcaster it is certainly much more of

QVC Wants Vehicle for Data Highway of Future The 900-film library includes The Paramount deal, if complet-

By Steve Lohr New York Times Service

NEW YORK - With his \$10 hillion bid for Paramount, Barry Diller of QVC Network Inc. is betting that the big money in television's 500-channel future will be made the old-fashioned way - by creating the stories, movies and programs that people want to watch.

Without the entertainment and information offerings, all the flashy technology that analysts say will soon be heading into homes -

and television network executive, understands so well. It also explains why he is willing to spend so lavishly for Paramount Communications Inc.

Though the bid by QVC, the cable-television shopping network, was recommended by the Paramount board on Wednesday, there is a possibility that the rival bidder, Viacom Inc., can still come back with another offer.

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from interactive television to the information highway — amounts to little more than high-tech plumbing.

And that, analysts say, is what interactive television to the information highway — amounts atture is its film interactive television to the brary, its movie studio, television programs, publishing house and sports teams — the "content," in business jargon, to fill the new electronic pipelines of the digital age.

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that many Americans receive in their homes.

But one promise of the new digi-Schuster, as well as Madison tal technology is that it can accommodate many more streams of electronic data than today's television "Diller is buying a factory for or telephone technology. And that means that individual

hits from a few years back like ed, could well make QVC and its Diller has shown a willingness to "The Godfather" and "Beverly chairman, Mr. Diller, influential take on big risks and embrace new forces in determining the blend of technology. In 1983, he left Paraentertainment and information mount to take the top post at Fox Inc. After Fox was acquired by Rupert Murdoch, Mr. Diller helped push the company from nowhere to become a legitimate rival

he was stepping down from Fox. looking for new horizons and a producing entertainment content And that means that individual media business in which he could of all kinds," said Richard Shaffer, consumers will have far more hold an ownership stake -- some-thing Mr. Murdoch was not willing

When Diller decided to join

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WALL STREET WATCH

Biotech Effort at Cleaner Oil

By John Holusha New York Times Service

EW YORK — The problem with fossil fuels such as coal and oil is that they come out of the ground with unwanted impurities. The least wanted is sulfur, which is corrosive in refineries and power plants and, when the fuels are burned, is emitted as sulfur oxides that are linked to acid rain. Indeed, the difference between a desirable

"sweet" crude oil and an unwanted "sour" crude is its sulfur content. But, as the sweet grades are consumed, the average amount of sulfur in the crude oil processed in refineries is rising. Meanwhile, environmental rules are limiting the

amount of sulfur that can be emitted from automobile tail pipes and smokestacks. Most pollution-control techniques in the past focused on capturing the sulfur oxides after com-

bustion had taken place. But these controls have often been clumsy and expensive. A better approach, most agree, would be to get the sulfur out of the fuel before it is burned. This may provide an opportunity for a small Texas-based company and its investors.

Energy Biosystems Corp. is developing a method to use genetically engineered micro-organisms to pull sulfur out of crude oil without damaging the fuel content of the hydrocarbons. The company had an initial public offering in March at \$6 a share and has traded as high as \$14 since. It was quoted Thursday at \$12 a share, up 50 cents.

"There's no question that this is speculative," said Hugh Holman, an analyst at Alex. Brown & Sons Inc. "But if it works, it will change the way the global oil refining business works."

Biological desulfurization has been ratiling around laboratories for decades. The problem is that bugs with a taste for sulfur consume some of the oil as well, lowering the fuel value.

Energy Biosystems' micro-organisms, which were discovered by the Institute of Gas Technology in 1988, do not metabolize the sulfur. Instead, they generate an enzyme that acts as a catalyst to remove sulfur without harming the hydrocarbons.

The problem is that at this point, the bugs do not

generate enough enzymes to have commercial valus. The company is trying to use biotechnology advances to find the genes responsible for enzyme production and genetically "urge" the organism to increase output

The micro-organisms themselves are patented, and company officials say they expect the genetic engineering to improve enzyme production to be patentable as well. As the biotechnicians work on improving the

bugs' performance, the company's executives have been forging alliances to get the technology to market quickly if the laboratory work is successful. It has alliances with Texaco Inc.; with Koch Refining Co., a large, privately owned refiner, with Solvay Enzymes Inc., which makes industrial en-

ery equipment But investors who are attracted by the technology's potential must be patient. Even under optimistic estimates, no earnings are expected before

zymes; and with Petrolite Corp., a maker of refin-

"Investors will have to wait three or four years to see any financial returns," Mr. Holman said. "But if the technology works, it could be big."

AGF Takes A Charge of 1.2 Billion FF

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

PARIS — Assurances Générales de France said Thursday that it would take a charge of 1.2 billion francs (\$207 million) against 1993 earnings for its part in the refinancing of Comptoir des Entrepreneurs a real estate lender hart by the slump in French property prices.

AGF, an insurer that is on the overnment's list of companies to be privatized, said it expected the charge to be offset by exceptional earnings, notably gains from a cap-ital-raising operation in connection with AGF's Métropole unit.

Comptoir has received an 800 million franc capital injection from its shareholders, of which AGF's share was 300 million. AGF said the charge against earnings also covered "provisions arising from future losses on the recovery operation."

Comptoir will have a 1993 loss of between 3 billion and 4 billion francs, said a spokesman for AGF, which is the largest shareholder with a 29.8 percent stake. (Reuters, AFX)

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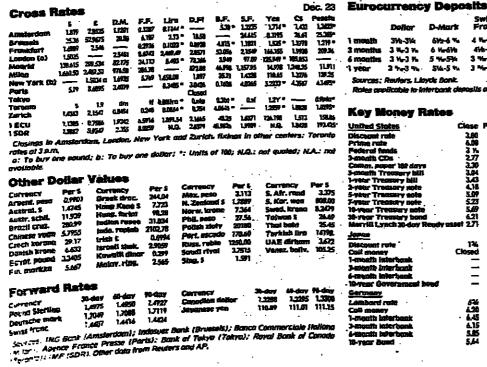
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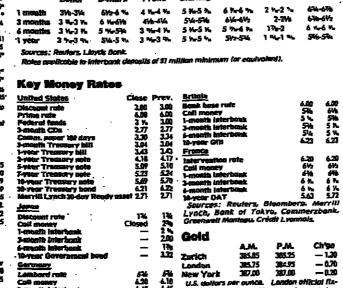
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about Japan's slumping economy overrode speculation that the U.S. administration may resume calls for

a stronger Japanese currency.

It fell against the Deutsche mark

back to 100 yen," said Win Thin,
economist at MCM Currency-

Foreign Exchange

folios before the long Christmas weekend. The dollar finished at 110.65 yen, up from 110.39 yen on Wednesday. It fell to 1.6935 DM from 1.7021 DM.

Traders dumped the dollar for ven Wednesday after Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen said the Japanese government should do more to curb its swelling trade surplus with the U.S. His jab at the Japanese raised concern that the administration could start calling for a strong

yen again. The dollar tumbled 20 percent against the yen earlier this year after President Bill Clinton and his aides said a strong yen could help curb the surplus by making Japanese exports more expensive.

"Bentsen's comment was a shot across the bow for Japan," said Peter Michaels, assistant vice presi- 1.3365 on Wednesday. dent at Fuji Bank. Many traders

NEW YORK — The dollar rose States follows up with more comagainst the yen Thursday as concern ments on the yen before they buy

the currency, he said.
The administration wants to slow the dollar's rise, not send it back to 100 yen," said Win Thin. and most other currencies, mean-time, as traders adjusted their portlow of 100.35 yen on Aug. 17.

The dollar rose against the yen because many traders expect the Bank of Japan to cut its 1.75 percent discount rate to spur the country's slumping economy. The dollar also declined to

1.4328 Swiss francs from 1.4360 francs and to 5.7690 French francs, from 5.7950 frames. The British pound rose to \$1.5034 from \$1.4965.

The Canadian dollar gained for a second day. The rally started Wednesday after the governor of the central bank was replaced. Gordon Thiessen, a career central bank employee who is now deputy governor, will take over from John Crow on Feb. 1. Mr. Crow decided not to seek a second seven-year term for "personal reasons," according to Finance Minister Paul Martin.

The U.S. dollar stood at 1,3276 Canadian dollars, down from

(Bloomberg, UPI)

MARKETS: Europe Rides High

Continued from Page 1

prominent of several gainers among cyclical shares, or stocks of companies whose fortunes often reflect the overall economic cycle. Euro Disney SCA, still reeling

from an auditors' report Wednes-day that confirmed the severity of

its financial crisis, lost a further 1.5 percent, closing at 33.60, down

In Frankfurt, a trader for Credit Commercial said the market had continued to gain on ample liquid-ity in thin trading ahead of the Christmas break

The trader said the market's rise should resume when trading reopens next week.

Daimler-Benz AG rose to 800.30 Deutsche marks (\$469.49) in afterhours trading, up 9.80 from Wednesday's close and up from its close of 799 on the floor of the said there was some profit-taking Frankfurt exchange. Bayerische and investors "seemed to be avoid-Motoren Werke rose to 702.50 after ing the retailers. It looks like sales climbed to 435.50 from 429.00.

The good cheer also was felt in Brussels, where the Current Stock

■ Blue Chips Slip
Blue-chip stocks closed lower

market rose as last-minute juggling of positions before the long Christmas weekend led to uneven trading, news agencies reported from New York. The Dow Jones industrial aver-

age ended 4.47 points lower, at 3,757.72 but the Nasdaq Combined Composite index was up 2.69 points, at 758.77.

Advancing issues beat out declining ones by an 11-to-8 ratio on the New York Stock Exchange. Volume was moderate, with 227.2 million shares changing hands on the NYSE.

For much of the day, the Dow industrials were above their alltime high of 3,764.43, set Dec. 13. as strong U.S. government reports of durable goods orders and con-sumer spending for November provided a rosy backdrop.

But Trude Latimer, vice president and chief market strategist at Wayne Grayson Capital Corp., the close from 693,00 the previous day, while Volkswagen AG people had expected for the

EUROPÉAN FUTURES Dow Jones Averages The Dow Daily closings of the Dow Jones industrial average COFFEE (LCE) NYSE Indexes NASDAQ Indexes 758.32 757.37 758.31 786.27 784.79 785.91 677.90 675.15 677.62 789.32 894.28 894.25 881.81 880.07 881.77 730.15 726.62 178.28 177.72 177.89 NYSE Most Actives AMEX Stock Index 445.31 442.83 465.31 -2.48 **Dow Jones Bond Averages** Market Sales AMEX Most Actives 5°a N.Y.S.E. Odd-Lot Trading S&P 100 Index Options NYSE Diary 15 Amex Dlary 3-MONTH EUROMARKS (LIFFE) DM1 million - pts of 100 pct

MOSCOW - Russia's State Precious Metals Committee on Thursday denied charges by De Beers Consolidated Mines Ltd. that it was selling uncut diamonds to the Antwerp market in breach of an agreement to sell

ndex rose 0.9 percent to 7.449.28. S.G. Warburg & Co. and Morgan attacked the De Beers contract, saying Russia was losing at least 30 percent its potential profits in diamond sales be



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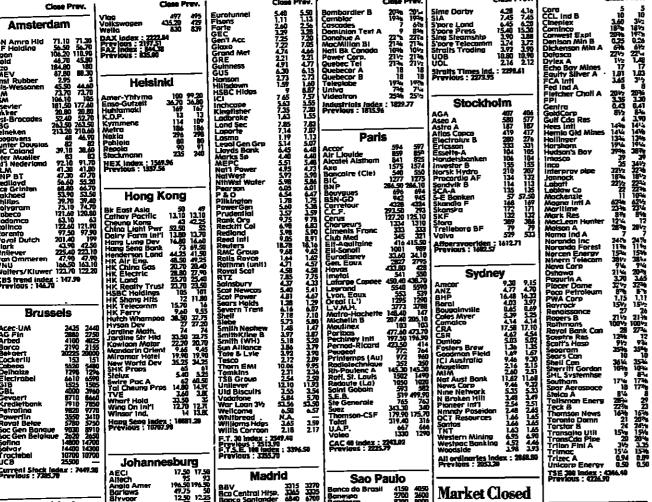
The committee has nothing to do with exports and did not leak diamonds to cutters in Antwerp, its deputy chairman. Boris Pozdnyakov, said. But he interest in Antwerp its deputy chairman.

De Beers controls international markets in uncut diamonds via its London-based Central Selling Organization.

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Durables Orders Rise for 4th Month WASHINGTON (Reuters) — Strong demand for new ears and air-planes pushed orders for durable goods up for the fourth consecutive

Americans' incomes and spending also rose, the Commerce Department reported, helping push the economy to what is expected to be a

strong fourth-quarter performance.
Orders for durable goods rose 2.0 percent, to a seasonally adjusted \$139.4 billion, after a 2.6 percent gain in October. Consumer spending.

which has added momentum to the economy throughout the year, rose 0.4 percent, its eighth monthly gain in a row, and income rose 0.6 percent, the fourth consecutive gain.

Heir Apparent Resigns From Baxter

DEERFIELD, Illinois (Bloomberg) — Bexter International Inc. said Thursday that James R. Tobin quit as president, chief operating officer and board member. Analysis said he had left after a battle with Vernon Loucks board member. Analysis said he had left after a battle with Vernon Loucks Dr., chairman and chief executive, over the depth of a restructuring. Mr. Tobin, regarded as Baxter's heir apparent, wanted cuts beyond those of a plan announced in November. It included 4,500 job cuts, a shoffle of senior management and \$925 million in fourth-quarter charges, analysis said.

analysts said.

"They are two very strong individuals, and usually when something "They are two very strong individuals, and usually when something like this happens, someone has got to go," said Gene Garginlo, an analyst with Barington Capital Group in New York.

Mr. Tobin, 49, said he was "looking for a new challenge" after starting Mr. Tobin, 49, said he was "looking for a new challenge" after starting a restructuring of the troubled company, whose stock has lost almost a

a restructuring of the troubled company, whose stock has lost almost a third of its value this year. He was named president and chief operating officer in March 1992.

Crude Oil Stockpiles Rose, Not Fell
NEW YORK (Combined Dispatches) — Crude oil prices fell Thursday
and, after the market closed, the American Petroleum Institute released

bearish news for an already-battered market.

West Texas Intermediate crude for February delivery fell 29 cents, to

close at \$14.48 a barrel, on the New York Mercantile Exchange, retracing

most of its gains on Wednesday.

One of the reasons for oil's Wednesday rally was a report from the petroleum institute that weekly inventories had failen by 4.8 million barrels, apparently an indication of reviving demand. But on Thursday, barrels, apparently an indication of reviving demand. But on Thursday,

the API revised the figures to show an increase of 1.2 million barrels.

The institute said an unidentified company reported a revision in its oil (Knight-Ridder, Bloomberg) inventory.

Exxon and Texaco Win in Tax Court

tax bill dating from the late 1970s.

For the Record

than double analysts' predictions.

DALLAS (AP) — Exxon Corp. and Texaco Inc. have won a favorable decision from the U.S. Tax Court absolving them of a multibillion-dollar

tax bill dating from the late 1970s.

The court on Wednesday barred the Internal Revenue Service from claiming back taxes in the so-called Aramco advantage case. An IRS spokesman said the the decision was not a final ruling.

Exxon, Texaco, Mobil Corp. and Chevron Corp. were members of Arabian-American Oil Co. — Aranco — which bought oil from Saudi Arabia. After the fall of the shah of Iran in 1979, Saudi Arabia sold oil to the companies for less than the accordance for less

the companies for less than the world market price to try to ease supply

disruptions and price increases. The IRS says the companies attempted to evade taxes by reselling to their subsidiaries at below-market prices.

Amdabl Corp., a maker of mainframe computer systems, said its fourth-quarter loss would exceed \$40 million, or 35 cents a share, more

Citicorp refused to comment on a newspaper report in London that was about to sell its Quotron foreign exchange and market data unit to Reuters Holdings PLC.

(AFX)

Dresser Industries Inc. and Haroid Curp, have agreed to divest part of their businesses before they complete a \$900 million merger, the Justice

month in November, the government said Thursday.

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AMRO to Buy 51% Of Banque Odier For \$86 Million

Compiled by Our Staff From Disposehes AMSTERDAM -- ABN-AMRO Bank NV said Thursday that it intended to buy control of Paris-based Banque Odier Bungener Courvoisier for about 500 million French francs

ABN-AMRO, the dominant bank in the Netherlands, is to buy a

Metall Names A New CFO

Completely Our Staff From Depatches FRANKFURT - Metallgeselischaft AG on Thursday named Gereon Mertens, 52, the former chief financial officer at Hoesch AG, as its finance chief.

His appointment came as the Frankfurter Aligemeine Zeitung reported that Metallgesell-schaft is considering tak-ing legal action against its former chairman, Heinz Schimmeibusch, and former finance director, Meinhard Forster, over losses from oil futures trading in New York.

Heinrich Goetz, in its report. (Bloomberg, Reuters)

The paper quoted the com-

pany's new deputy chairman,

from Swiss Volksbank, Volksbank is a unit of CS Holdings, the parent of Credit Suisse and other Swiss banks. Banque Odier Bungener Couvoi-

sier specializes in private banking and provides financial services to medium-sized and large French companies. It has assets of about 5.8

ABN-AMRO said its acquisition fits in its "strategy of expanding its interests in France." The Dutch bank is already active in France through its branch in Paris, the Massonaud Fontenay Kervern SA bro-kerage house and an investment banking firm, Banque de Neuflize, Schlumberger Mallet SA.

ABN-AMRO will have a work force of about 1,800 in France after the acquisition. It said it expected to complete the takeover in the first quarter of 1994. (Bloomberg, AFX)

■ Seeland Deal Proceeds

Swiss Bank Corp. said Thursday its audit of Seeland Bank had been completed and its takeover offer for the bank, made Nov. 15, would become effective as planned on Jan. 4. The takeover is the latest rescue in Switzerland's troubled regional-banking sector, Reuters reported from Basel. Seeland has assets of almost 5 billion Swiss francs (\$3.48 billion)

A Monetary Transition Paris to Keep Control Through Jan. 5

PARIS - The government will keep control of monetary policy until a new Monetary Policy Council at the Bank of France is installed, Economy Minister Edmond Alphandéry said Thursday. He said the six lay members who will join the central bank governor and his two deputies on the

council will be named at a cabinet meeting Jan. 5. The bank should have become autonomous on Jan. 1, under French legislation. Mr. Alphandery declined to comment on reasons for the delay in announcing the new council members, who were to have been named at a cabinet meeting Wednesday.

Newspapers have reported problems in agreeing suitable candidates, with a list proposed by Philippe Seguin, the maverick speaker of the National Assembly, causing particular difficulties.

The heads of the Senate and the semiofficial Economic and Social Council also nominate lists of candidates.

Mr. Alphandéry said the principle of "state continuity" would apply, under which the government can continue to keep control of policy until a new body is appointed.

The interim period should be relatively short but falls in a crucial week when many economists beheve that a cut in French interest rates is possible. The German Bundesbank may decide to cut its leading interest rates at its next policy-making council meeting, on Jan. 6, prompting a round of rate reductions elsewhere in Europe.

The new council in Paris will take charge of monetary policy, setting targets for money supply growth and determining the level of interest rates. Á French official said it could meet as early as Jan.

6 or Jan. 7, if necessary, It will be up to the council to decide how much power to delegate to the governor of the Bank of France in the daily conduct of monetary policy.

Siemens Puts Chip Plant in Dresden

Compiled by Our Staff From Disputches

the Siemens management board, jointly produce 64-megabit chips.

DRESDEN — Siemens AG said the plant would open in 1995.

Analysis questioned the investment. This is likely to consume Thursday it would build a 2 billion Deutsche mark (\$1.17 billion) computer-chip factory and research center in Dresden to capitalize on one of its most successful business lines. The electronics conglomerate has been cutting staff and capital spend-ing in other areas. But Siemens has

subsidized. Siemens may also get decade," said Andrew Haskins at some help from "outside partners" James Capel & Co. in London.

Mr. von Pierer said, specifying ToGlen Liddy, an analyst at Kleinshiba Corp. and International Busi-ness Machines Corp. as candidates. also was critical: "Price erodes very said semiconductor sales are expected to rise by about 10 percent a year The three companies already are co-rapidly in this kind of technology. Heinrich von Pierer, chairman of

Georg Milbradt, the Saxony fi-nance minister, said up to 35 percent of the total investment would be be well into the second half of this

operating on developing 256-mega-bit chips, and Siemens and IBM produce." (Reuters, Bloomberg)

Cogefar To Merge With 3 Firms

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches TURIN - Four Italian construction companies, including Flat SpA's Cogerar-Impresit SpA, have said they are planning to merge.

The combined concern — Cogefar-Impresit, its subsidiary Impregilo, and two privately held companies, Girola and Lodigiani would show an order book worth 10.0 trillion lire (\$6 billion) and 1992 sales of 2.8 trillion lire, Fiat said late Wednesday.

Next year, Cogedar will change its name to Impregilo SpA, and will buy the construction activities of Girola and Lodigiani at a price based on their accounts at the end of this year.

As part of the deal, Cogefar will sell stock and bonds worth 365 billion lire and warrants worth 255.5 billion lire if exercised. Fiat said the securities issues were needed to pay debts, raise money for investments and allow the other companies to take a stake in Cogefar.

Cogefar-Impresit was ensuared it Italy's corruption scandal earlier this year, when its chairman, Francesco Paolo Mattioli and its former deputy chairman Antonio Mosconi, were arrested by Milan magistrates for purported misdoings at the construction company. Shares in Cogelar fell 5.6 per-cent, to 2,747, on Thursday, Fiat currently controls about 70 percent

of the company.

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

IBM: Life After the Company Is Hard and Unsettling UAL: Employees Inherit an Airline and Its Problems

Continued from Page 11 Michigan and my car broke down. my uncle called another IBMer.

she said. "It didn't matter where I Marriage to John L. Young a market analyst for mainframes. maintained her immersion in that culture. IBM asked them to move from Binghamton to White Plains and then to Poughkeepsie, and they did so willingly, aware that IBM would take care of selling their

homes and finding Mrs. Young jobs and letting them join the virtually free !BM Country Club. "We were part of a great big family" and John Young, a tall, broad-shouldered man of 52. The

manager was not just a manager, he was a father figure." In exchange, workers put in long neurs and the spouses dutifully did their paris, entertaining other IBM employees and building the sense

of community.

Young returned from a trip to Flor- at her busband's "blind faith." ida in April and her husband told her he would be leaving the company where he had worked for 23 years. "He looked like he was 7 or 8 years old," she said.

Besides laying off some employees, IBM had offered executives like Mr. Young buyout nackages of a year's salary and continued medi-

more than two years, posting worldwide losses of \$5 billion in 1992. In the mid-1980s, IBM's work force in Poughkeepsie, East Fishkill and Kingston stood at 31.306, but by July of this year it had plummeted to 13,800.

IBM had been in trouble for

While IBM workers like Mr. Young and his friend, John R. Mc-

The bargain, though, was founded on the company's tacit assur-credulous sense of loyalty to IBM ance of lifelong employment. So until five minutes before they had there was stunned agony written on to leave." Mrs. Young said she felt Mr. Young's face when Mrs. a "sense of betrayal" and was angry

m the foresceable future,

Now the Youngs and the two other prayer group couples, Mr. McKinney and his wife. Lynette. and Gilbert and Virginia Curl, are living in new, unconfortable ways.

Mr. McKinney, a 59-year-old Harvard Business School graduate who was a senior product planner, started out 33 years ago as a salesman in Worcester, Massachusetts, Since he decided to take the sev-

erance package, Mr. McKinney has been struggling to start a computer consulting business. "Sometimes I feel I'm a person who doesn't have a job." he told the group. "Then sometimes I feel I'm

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quarter. UAL's problems are shared by its two major high-cost competitors, American and Delta, and are peculiar to the United States and the problems spawned by airline deregulation. A UAL spokesman said the carrier's international routes were not a problem because its costs are competitive with most foreign, state-run air-

Small, efficient, short-haul U.S. airlines like Southwest have knocked the profit out of many of the spokes in the majors' hub-and-spoke system by picking off routes of 300 to 600 miles (500 to 1,000 kilometers) between intermediate and major cities and undercutting their prices by flying low-cost Boeing 727s with no galleys and lots of seats.

Southwest avoids high-density the president of a company that's airports with bad weather that cause delays and raise overheads.

Because the airline is a post-dereg-ulation startup, it has no inherited high labor costs, which at one-third represent the largest single share of

average airline costs. To compete with such lines, Unnagement proposed creatited's ma ing a second airline for the contested short-haul routes dubbed "U-2" that would mimic Southwest.

But United had to win approval of its old-line pilot and maintenance unions, whose members are still working under contracts dat-ing from the high-cost days of regulation when costs were easily passed on to passengers. Senior pilots of United's Boeing 747s, for example, can earn \$125,000 to \$200,000 a year flying 10 days a month — easily double the Southwest scale.

The solution, said Stephen M. Wolf, UAL chairman, was this: "For the first time, majority interest in a global air carrier will rest

with its employees. They will share in the company's success and will have substantial incentive to ensure that United Air Lines remains a global aviation leader."

To meet criticism that they might manipulate the board to protect their own positions, the unions have proposed they hold only three of the 12 seats on the board of the restructured airline, but they will still be majority owners. Mr. Wolf will be replaced by Gerald Green-wald, a former Chrysler executive who was the unions' choice.

Jon Ash of Global Aviation Associates, a Washington consulting firm, said United and its major competitors would be better off following Southwest's structure. Employees own stock in the airline, which is known for its high morale. Whenever the return on their equity falls below 15 percent, they sit down with management and work

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Switzerland predicted its 1993 budget deficit would soar to a record 8

billion Swiss francs (\$5.56 billion) because of falling revenue. · France's seasonally adjusted industrial production, excluding the construction industry, fell 0.7 percent in October from September; market expectations were for a decline of about 0.1 percent.

The European Commission approved an agreement between Hoechst AG and Schering AG to merge their crop-protection businesses. The commission also approved a venture of Deutsche Bank AG, Mannesmann AG and

RWE AG for a German corporate telecommunications network.

 Swissair President Otto Loeple said the airline would post "heavy losses" for 1993 in its core flight-services business, although the airline would break even overall, largely from profit on aircraft sales. Philips Electronics NV is withdrawing its wide-screen televisions from the U.S. market because of disappointing sales, a Dutch business newspa-

per, Het Financieele Dagblad, reported.

 Qatar said it had awarded ABB Asea Brown Boveri AG a \$1.1 billion contract for a power and desalination plant. AFX, Reuters, Bloomberg

West German Inflation Slows

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches Western Germany's consumer cent from 4.0 percent in 1992.

That would be the largest and percent in the month to mid-December and was up 3.6 percent

from a year earlier, the Federal Statistics Office said Thursday. The month's increase slowed from 0.2 percent in November, and the yearly rise was unchanged from

According to preliminary figures

WIESBADEN, Germany - German inflation rose to 4.1 per-

That would be the largest annual average rise in consumer prices since 1982, when it was 5.2 percent. But on Tuesday, a senior

Bundesbank official, Otmar Issing,

said inflation in Western Germany

was "on the right path," believed to be slowing as the year ended. (Bloomberg, AFP)

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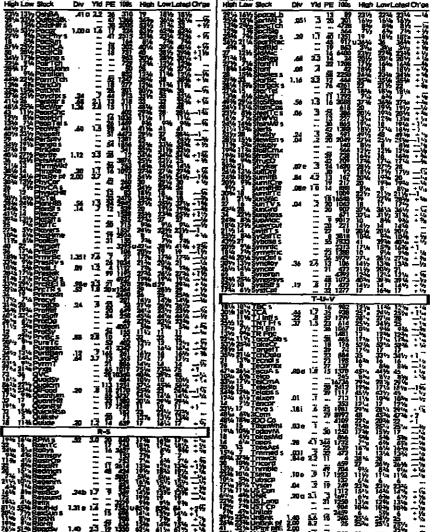
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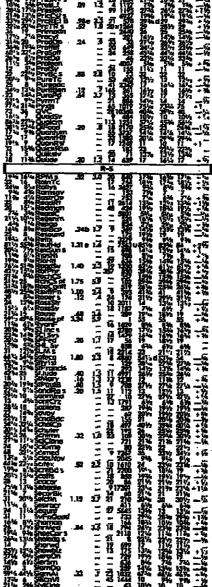
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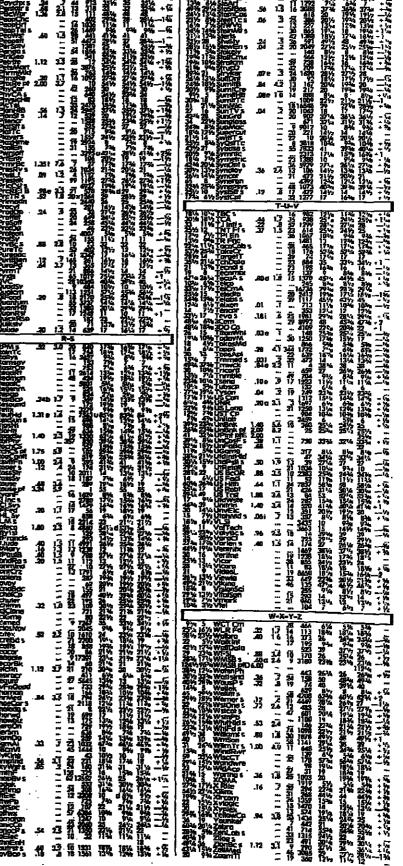
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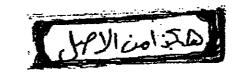
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PARAMOUNT: QVC's Diller Seeks a Vehicle for the Data Highway Continued from Page 11

QVC, a shopping network known mostly for its bargain-basement jewelry and clothes, the move struck many people in media industries as odd, a down-market choice for a former Hollywood executive.

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"Diller has demonstrated his ability to adapt to new technologies," said Larry Gerbrandt, senior vice president of Paul Kagan Associates Inc., a media research firm in Carmel, California.

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Associates Inc., a media research firm in Carmel, California

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As many other analysts do, Mr. Gerbrandt believes that buying an intertainment producer is a wise move for companies like QVC that want to position themselves to take advantage of new forms of electronic distribution and home entermals.

What's very clear about Barry Diller is that he's not going to jump on any technology before its time."

Said Denise Caruso, editorial directors of Friday Holdings LP, a partnership set up to invest in new media ventures, whose partners include Paramount and QVC. "He wants producer is a wise move for companies like QVC that want to position themselves to take advantage of new forms of electronic distribution and home entermals.

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Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches TAIPEI — Taiwan's stock market, bucking a trend of record-setting gains on other Asian exchanges, phinged Thursday after a government-linked company that provides loans to stock investors

Taiwan's benchmark weighted price index fell 216.79 points, or 3.95 percent, to 5.257.96.

Fuh-Hwa Securities Finance Corp., Taiwan's biggest securities finance lender, tightened credit to brokerages and investors after a recent increase in its outstanding loans, to 140 billion Taiwan dollars (\$5.2 billion), analysts said.

Legislators called for an investigation into the decision. Fuh-Hwa is controlled in part by the roling Nationalist Party, analysts said.
The index is still up by more than
40 percent since mid-September.

As Taiwan fell, four other Asian markets soated. Leading indexes in Hong Kong, Singapore, Knala Lumpur and Manila all set records. Hong Kong's Hang Seng index surged 173,24 points, or 1.62 per-cent, to 10,881,20, but trading was quiet in the absence of Japanese or-ders because of a holiday there.

Singapore's recent liquiditydriven rally showed no signs of running out of steam, pushing the 30-share Straits Times Industrials index up 24.66, to a record 2.298.61.

Institutional blue chip buying provided the momentum for Knala Lumpur's 30.86 point climb to a new peak of 1,152.24 on the composite index, brokers said.

The Manila Stock Exchange set its eighth record in two weeks as

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the composite index closed up 99.63 points, at 2,997.46.
Evan King an analyst with Sapphire Securities, attributed the market surge to buying of blue-chip stocks in anticipation of an

expected economic turnaround. The Manila exchange, which began 1993 at about 1,200 points, has outpaced every other Asian market this year. (Reuters, Bloomberg)

■ Philippine Merger Soon The long-discussed merger of the Philippines' booming stock exchanges will be completed in Janu-

ary despite a disagreement over fi-nancing a single market, an official said on Thursday, according to a Reuters dispatch from Manila. "I'm confident that by January,

we will finally merge," Eduardo de los Angeles, president of the new Philippine Stock Exchange, said. The merger should boost volume from the current average of 2.4 billion pesos (\$86.95 million) to about 4.8 billion pesos in the first six months, Mr. de los Angeles said.

Under the merger plan, the two rival trading floors — Makati and Manila - would keep operating but they would be computer-linked and would eventually have harmonized prices. There will be a single set of indexes instead of the present

The remaining stumbling block is the 50 million pesos (\$1.8 million) required from each exchange to finance operations of a single equities market, Mr. de los Angeles said.

Feast for Japan's Sharks Consumer-Lending Firms Prosper

By James Sterngold

New York Times Service
TOKYO — Of all the battered sectors of the currently depressed Japanese economy, the lendess may be in the worst shape.

Banks are awash in bad debts. The stock market during the past four years has lost more than \$3 trillion in value, an amount equal to nearly half the gross national product of the United States. Nonbank finance companies have taken a shellacking on real estate lending.

So why does the Japanese market love one of the oldest forms of money-lending — loan sharks?
While they appall stuffy commercial banks, occasionally anger police and even embarrass some customers, investors have found that these specialized consumer-loan companies have a knack for doing something their more prestigious rivals can-

not - making good money even in bad times. Known in Japan as sarakin, a contraction of the Japanese words for salaryman and cash, these companies help workers and the downtrodden white-collar masses cover a range of cash needs. from gambling debts to unusual medical expenses.

The average loan made by large sarakin companies is slightly less than 400,000 yen (\$3,600). These are high-interest loans that are made without collateral.

In the past several mouths, three of Japan's largest consumer-loan companies - ACOM Co., Promise Co. and Sanyo Shinpan Finance Co. have sold stock on the over-the-counter market. They have outperformed not only the stock mar-ket, which has been plunging, but also most of corporate Japan, by remaining quite profitable. "These companies are, in fact, quite good at

what they do," Alicia Ogawa, financial analyst at Salomon Brothers Asia, said. "They fill a real need. The bigger banks haven't bothered with consumer lending until very, very recently because they always considered dealing with consumers sort of,

you know, dirty." As a result, the rates the sarakin have charged have been usurious. A decade ago they could legally charge 110 percent interest, about 10 times the prime lending rate at banks.

Regulators have lowered that to 40 percent, about seven times the banks' prime lending rate. Actual loan rates run about 29 percent.

"You can tolerate 2 to 3 percent loan losses if you're charging 29 percent interest," David Snoddy, an analyst here with Jardine Fleming Securities, said.

At one time, the sarakin were relegated to back alleys or the upper floors of out-of-the-way buildings. Many were affiliated with organized crime, and a scandal blew up in the early 1980s over their unsavory, if effective, collection methods. Intimidation, harassment in the form of tirades outside

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deadbeats' homes, as well as outright violence, were all tools of the trade.

At least for the large companies, though, those days are gone. Sanyo Shinpan, for instance, boasts that nearly 90 percent of its 141 loan offices are on the ground floors of buildings, and it forbids its debt collectors to confront customers in person.

Despite rising competition for consumer lenders as credit cards become popular in Japan, the sarakin have a strong niche because they are more efficient than banks.

For instance, banks usually close their automatic teller machines at 7 P.M. on weekdays and 5 P.M. on weekends. Most of the sarakin keep theirs open 24 hours a day.

In addition, the sarakin work at what is considered blinding speed here. According to Mr. Snoddy, sarakin can approve a loan in less than an hour. Among the sarakin stocks, Mr. Snoddy says ACOM offers the highest return on equity, slightly less than 13 percent.

"These are high-risk, high-reward stocks," Walter Altherr, an analyst at Merrill Lynch Japan, said. "But over the long term, one has to believe these stocks will show better growth than the banks."

Australia Names Willis Treasurer

CANBERRA - Prime Minister Paul Keating of Australia on Thursday appointed a fiscal conservative

as his chief economic minister. Financial markets reacted calmly to news that Ralph Willis would become treasurer in place of John Dawkins, who announced his resignation last week for family reasons. Employment Minister Kim Beazley took over Mr. Willis's old job as finance minister, subordi-

Mr. Willis moved to reassure markets by announcing he was committed to the government's deficit-re-duction strategy. He also said the government would not raise taxes unless it was absolutely essential," and that economic growth and job creation were his main priorities.

nate to the treasurer.

'Willis was always the safe bet so the market's hardly blinked," said Grant Bailey, chief economist at Ciubank. "People are 90 percent certain he will not make major

changes to economic policy."

The Australian dollar closed at 67.90 U.S. cents, near its level be-

fore the appointment. Mr. Willis, a 55-year-old career politician who started his working life as a labor union researcher, said the government's priorities were "to accelerate growth and the jobs

growth that comes with it." Although the economy is growing at more than 3 percent a year after a long recession and the inflation rate is under 3 percent, unemployment

stands at 11.1 percent. Mr. Willis added that in seeking growth, "We will be sticking abso- foothold in Eurobond sales and trading. lutely to the deficit-reduction strategovernment economic target.

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· Asia Rare Earth, a chemical plant owned by Japan's Mitsubishi Kasei Corp. and Malaysian interests, was improperly closed by a lower court on grounds it was dangerously handling radioactive waste, Malaysia's Supreme Court ruled; the court ordered damages paid to the company.

• Datuk Keramat Holdings Bhd., a Malaysian-listed financial company. said it would pay 20 million Swiss francs (\$13.7 million) for a 80 percent stake in a Zurich-based brokerage. Robabond Holding AG, to gain a

• The Pichppine government affirmed the sale of a 40 percent stake in the Cutting the budget deficit to state-owned oil refiner and distributor Petron to Sandi Arabian Oil Co., around 1 percent of gross domestic or Aramco, despite a protest from another bidder, Westmont Holdings product by June 30, 1997, is a key Sdn. of Malaysia.

 Hoechst India Ltd.'s board approved Hoechst AG's plan to raise its holding in the Indian company to 51 percent from 40 percent; at the same time, United Breweries Ltd. of India will lower its stake in Hoechst India to 32 percent from 38 percent. Taiwan's Council for Economic Planning and Development sees October

1994 as the deadline for the island's entry to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. Hyundai Engineering & Construction Co. said it had won a \$420 million contract to build a 2,400-megawatt thermal power plant for the Kuwait

Hydro and Electric Authority. Citibank has been authorized to open a representative office in Ho Chi

Minh City, its second in Vietnam.

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Swire Takes Control of 2 **Coke Bottlers**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches HONG KONG - Swire Pacific Ltd. said Thursday it bought majority interests in Coca-Cola bottlers in China

and Taiwan. The real estate, aviation, manufacturing and trading conglomerate said it would buy a 25 percent stake in BC Development Co. from China International Trust & Investment Corp. for about \$7.1 million. Swire already owned 30 per-

cent of BC, a holding company for Coke bottling plants in Nanjing, Hangzhou and Xian. Swire also said it would pay \$22 million to raise its 14.5 percent stake in Taiwan Coca-Cola Bottling Co. to 63.7 percent. (AFP, Bloomberg)

New Rules Upset Hong Kong Land Firms

HONG KONG - The government's plans to reduce density in some of Hong Kong's crowded commercial areas could reduce land values in the territory, real estate executives say.

The Hong Kong government intends to reduce the land plot ratios — which control the amount of office or industrial space a developer can build on a site — in Kowloon, the British colony's most densely populated area.

The changes result from government concern about overloaded transportation and infrastructure systems in Kowloon. Peter Pun, the territory's planning director, recommended the changes after results of a two-year study were unveiled Thursday.

But property companies say the changes, which are to take effect Friday, could reduce

"Changing development requirements to solve infrastructure problems is like sitting between two stools; it is of no real benefit," said Neil Palmer, director at First Pacific Davies, one of the territory's largest real estate agents. Industrial areas in Kwun Tong, Kowloon Bay and Cheung Sha Wan, which are among Hong Kong's less-developed tracts, would benefit from the changes because their plot ratios will not be changed, Mr. Pun said.

Although the restrictions might help ease congestion in Kowloon, they also put constraints on the real estate market.

"These are significant changes," Lyall Alexander-Webber, a director of the real estate brokerage concern Vigers International, said. The government has been heavy-handed in pushing through these changes so quickly."

Beijing Plans to Abolish Controls on the Price of Coal

The Associated Press

of coal early next year.

The announcement, made via the official Xinhua News Agency, comes days after Beijing authorities restored price controls on staple foods and central government officials urged price stabilization measures nationwide.

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Last year, the state lifted price controls on 20 the government's conviction that a system of percent of the nation's coal, closed 19 mines, and laid off 280,000 employees from a work

Australia Court **Charges Elliott**

MELBOURNE - John Elliott, who once ran Australia's biggest brewer, and two former colleagues were charged Thursday in magistrate's court with the theft of 66.5 million Australian dollars (\$45.2 million).

Mr. Elliott sat expressionless as the prosecutor described him as the central figure in allegedly bogus foreignexchange transactions conducted in the late 1980s, when he was head of the conglomerate Elders IXL Ltd. The government says the money was diverted to help Elders in a takeover battle.

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For Torvill and Dean, 10 Years On, the Dance Has Come Full Circle

By Christopher Clarey

New York Times Service

MILTON KEYNES, England — It is early yet, but the 1990s have not been kind to come-backs. Bjorn Borg hauled his wood racket out of the closet and got whacked. Mark Spitz hanled out his skimpy swim trunks and got lapped. Magic Johnson gathered up his courage and caught fisk

Which brings us to Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean, onetime darlings of the British

Nobody ever danced better on ice than they did on Valentine's Day in Sarajevo at the 1984 Winter Olympics. No couple has done more to push the sport's envelope over the last nine years as professionals.

What on earth, then, do they have to gain by dusting off their compulsories and attempting to duplicate perfection at the 1994 Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway, in February?
We have come full circle, said the 35-year-

old Dean, who if he makes it to Norway, will be older than every skater except his 36-year-old partner. "I think if somebody had asked us to do this two or three years ago, we would have said no. But we feel as if we have done all there is to do in the professional world. It will have been 10 years since Sarajevo, a decade gone by. That number has some significance for us, as well."

It bears reiterating that, until recently, luminaries like Torvill and Dean, who also won four world championships from 1981-84, did not have the option of throwing caution to the wind. But ever since the International Skating Union announced last year that professionals would be allowed to regain amateur status, high-profile skaters have elected to put their

big interest that makes it attractive to be part of again," Dean said. "People always said to us,
"What have you been doing the last lew years?"
We've been out there, doing shows and live performances, but if you're not on the TV box once a year winning a world championship, they think you're finished."

Other former gold medalists who have thrown their hats back in the Olympic ring include Brian Boitano, Katerina Witt, Viktor Petrenko and the Russian pairs of Yekaterina Gordeyeva-Sergei Grinkov and Natalia Mishkutenok-Artur Dmitriev.
"We didn't lobby like Brian did for this,"

Torvill said. The first time we heard it was real was in June 1992 at the ISU's 100-year anniversary in Davos. The night before we left, they decided they were going to allow professionals back in. We didn't even know it was one of the issues on the agenda."

Dean clearly had considered the possibility, however. The next morning, he was already talking to Torvill about coming back. "I thought he was crazy," Torvill said. "But

then he went on to all the positive reasons why we should do it, and he got me all excited about it. Then he changed his mind, of course."
"I went cold on her," Dean said.

"As soon as I agree with something, he dis-rees." Torvill said. "That's normal." agrees," Torvill said. "That's normal."
This is how Torvill and Dean talk in front of strangers. They have been skating together for nearly 20 years (they met as teenagers at a local rink in Nottingham) and, like many involved in a

egos and financial futures on the line with not, Dean does the interjecting, which is appro-dizzying regularity.

"It's true that the amateur scene generates a "Chris comes up with all the ideas and steps, and I try to tell him what works and doesn't work," Torvill said.

It was Dean who painstakingly choreographed their stunning interpretation of Ravel's Bolero in 1984, a freestyle program that earned them the maximum number of perfect 6.0s for artistic impression and a cascade of long-stemmed roses from a Sarajevo audience that would later have neither the time nor the occasion for such carefree gestures. It is Dean who has choreographed the ron-

skating. We basically have been losing ground since 1989. Until then, Jayne and Chris had kept it going because what they were doing was still in the public eye."

Assuming Torvill and Dean win their seventh national title in Sheffield (not exactly a leap of faith) and claim Britain's single dance spot in Lillehammer, they will perform their freestyle program just once more before the Olympics: at the European Championships in Copenhagen. "We want the free dance to have an impact on the judges — as if they are seeing it for the first time," Dean said.

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tines throughout their professional career, which has encompassed numerous television which has encompassed numerous television specials and three lengthy tours of their own, including two groundbreaking tours with Soviet skaters. He already has finished work on their freestyle program for Lillehaumer: a program that will remain under wraps until the British national ice denoing championships on Jan. 7-8 in Sheffield. Those championships were positive back already to prout the specifically to size back almost two months specifically to give

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Torvill and Dean enough time to prepare.

The federation didn't want to pressure them into a decision to come back, but I think we all happy marriage, have a habit of trading jibes and had our fingers crossed," said Eileen Anderson, finishing each others' sentences. More often than vice chairman of the British dance committee.

Others apparently want more time to reflect. Though practice sessions at Torvill and Dean's new training site in Milton Keynes are closed to ensure secrecy, one middle-aged woman showed up in October and got past the guard by explaining she was a close friend of the skaters. After she watched an entire run-through, it turned out that Torvill and Dean had never seen her before. The door policy has since become more selective.

"We have a nightclub next to here with a suite that looks down on the ice," said the arena manager, Eddie Mahoney. "Our site manager has been offered a fair sum of money on differ-ent occasions to open up that suite."

One who has seen the program by less covert If all had gone according to plan, Dean means says it is "much faster and jazzier than would never have been in a position to give an Bolero." Dean will say only that "we're trying to be very technical with our steps and intricate with our feet and, at the same time, lift the audience with something approaching romanti-

Please note Dem's use of the word "approaching." As one of those who joined ice dancing out of the ballroom and toward high drama, he now reserves the right to play revisionist.

There have been too many deaths on the ice in recent years," he said. "The top skaters are wonderful and they can carry it off, but when you get past sixth or seventh place, they are trying to be so deep thinking about everything that it just doesn't work and ends up looking council It had become an evening of poor tragodies. We're trying to move in a different

"This is not about nostalgia. We are coming back because we feel we still have something to give the skating world. We also feel we can still be very competitive."

The consensus is that they will achieve that goal, although the reigning world champions, Alexander Zhulin and Maya Usova of Russia, are certainly a major obstacle to a second Olympic gold medal. "I think Chris and Jayne are better than they

vere in 1984," said their longtime coach, Betty Calloway. "All these years, they have been doing their own shows, going on and off several times a night, so one four-minute program is not going to be a problem physically. As for their technical level, they have never taken the easy option and just done programs that were simple and pleasing to the public. They have always stretched themselves as professionals and put in a lot of difficulty."

Nonetheless, it is surely comforting to know that unlike Boitano and Witt, who will have to contend with triple and perhaps quadruple jumps, Torvill and Dean will never have to lift their venerable bones off the ice.

"Ice dancing is, I think, unique in that it leads itself to maturity as opposed to an athleti-cism," Dean said. "You still have to be fit to get through what we're doing. But I think choreo-graphically, experience is vital. And I think when people see us skating out there, it's not two people who have been skating together for a couple of years. There are 18, almost 19 years going into that four minutes and there is a persona that comes from that."

Another point in their favor is that unlike Borg, who had lost total touch with the competitive tennis world, Dean has remained very involved with amateur skating. From 1987 to 1992 he choreographed for French-Canadian ice dancers Isabelle and Paul Duchesnay. Dean and Isabelle were married in May 1991, two months after she and Paul won the world championship. Before turning professional, they went on to take silver at last year's Olympics in Albertville with a Dean program set to the music of West Side Story.

But while the scenario was strictly storybook. the Dean-Duchesnay marriage was not Isabelle filed for divorce early this year, citing, among other reasons, incompatible career

"It just didn't work out," said Dean, who acknowledges that his decision to try the Olympic comeback was one of many factors that led to the relationship's deterioration. "At the end of the day, with all the pressures, it was just a bad choice of personalities being together.

Dean then promptly and uncharacteristically went out and became a national tabloid staple by striking up a romance with Jill Trenary, an American skater and the 1990 world champion. The story ("Star Chris Falls For Another Ice Maiden") had reporters sleeping in their cars outside the Milton Keynes arena and eventually forced Dean to call a news conference to avoid further harassment.

"We had a few front covers, didn't we?" said

"We didn't," Torvill said with a grin. "Not

"It's all about personal lives with the tab-loids," Dean said. "It has nothing to do with sport. At one time, I would have felt this incred-ible invasion of privacy, but all you can do is just smile at it."

would never have been in a position to give an August press conference in England. The originaging press conference in england. I all ough-nal idea was to prepare the comeback by head-ing directly for the source: Norway, And at the beginning of July, he and Torvill did indeed pack their oft-packed bags and set up camp in Hamar and its new Northern Lights Hall, the site of the Olympic figure skating competition.

They wanted to stay right there, acclimatizing and training near Lillehammer, until January. They ended up staying only three weeks.

"When we left we were very hopeful to get sponsorship, but it never materialized," Dean said. "Basically, we were financing it ourselves, and it was become too greening to live and and it just became too expensive to live and operate out there, flying in people to work with us. It would have cost us over £120,000 (\$180,000) for everything for the six months. In forway, you don't get much change when you

Enter Milton Keynes, which is an hour's drive north from London but light years re-moved from the architectural splendor of Trafalgar Square. This is a city of traffic circles and modern structures. Few could be more modern than the MK Leisune Plaza, which has all the charm of a highway-hugging, middle American shopping mall. Here are the well-polished lanes of the Qua-

sar "Super Bowl," and the ill-named High Society discotheque, and, for those in search of world-famous ice dancers, the Blade Runner

"People don't always believe us when we tell them that Torvill and Dean are here," said Carlyne Wright, a 19-year-old behind the ticket

The arena, one of a handful in Britain with an Olympic-sized ice surface, actually folded in April, but then a group of local business moguls decided to resorrect it at about the same time Torvill and Dean were searching for a new training base that would grant them four hours of private ice time six mornings a week at a

bargain-basement price.

Milton Keynes might not be heaven, but a match was made.

"The commercial rate for an hour of ice time is £500 to £600 an hour; we charge them that for a week," Mahoney said. "We're effectively sponsoring them."

Unfortunately for Britain's most famous winter athletes, other such benefactors have proved more clusive.

"It's a bit frightening, the money that goes out when there's nothing coming m," Torvill said. "We are a bit surprised really, but I would put a lot of it down to the recession. Initially, a lot of people are interested and then it just fades away. I imagine the minute the first skating championship comes on the telly, people might get more excited, but it's now that we need the

Excitement, of course, can be a difficult emotion to inspire in the land of understatement and stiff upper lips.

"The British people are great because there is basically no attention," Dean said. "It's like,

'Oh you're doing the Olympics again are you? The audience will be more demanding come

February. Those who got goose pimples from Bolero will be crowded around their television screens, waiting for more magic and more big, round numbers from the judges.

"I suppose nobody can take away what we did in 1984, but we know that we are standing

up to be accountable again," Dean said. "One of the biggest decisions we had to make was who is this going to affect the most, and it is really going to affect us the most, isn't it?;" People will watch, and if we're not as good, they will notice it, then forget about it and move on to more important things. The only ones who will have to live with it forever are the two of us, and I think we're big enough to handle that."

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For Rookie Star, A Tough Choice: Olympics or NHL

BUFFALO, New York - It's a decision that National Hockey League rookie Derek Plante says he's "going to lose some sleep over."

Does he stay with the Buffalo Sabres, where

totals on the team, or leave to play for the U.S. Olympic team in Lillehammer, Norway?
"It's a big decision and somebody's going to get hurt or mad," Plante said. And somebody - either the Olympic team's

his 12 goals and 10 assists are the third-best

coach, Tim Taylor, or the Sabres' coach and general manager, John Muckler - is going to be very happy.

Plante, the NHL's sixth-leading rookie scorer, has a contract with the Sabres that stipulates he must notify them of his intentions by Jan. 1.

If he knows what he's doing, he's not saying.
"I actually haven't made a decision," he said. "My mind's not made up."
The American team, which begins play Feb. 13 against France, would definitely benefit from having Plante, the speedy center whom

the up-and-coming wingers Donald Audente That line of Audette, May and Plante has given our team a lot of enthusiasm," Muckler said. "They are the future stars of our team. They are going to be the hard-core people

the Sabres' coach, Muckler, has teamed with

somewhere down the line." The problem for the Sabres is that, with center Pat LaFontaine out for the season with a knee injury, they need Plante and his scoring

"If Pat LaFontaine hadn't got hurt, I think his right decision would be to go to the Olym-pics," Muckler said. "We'll certainly miss him if he makes that decision, because without Pat around, he's our second offensive center and that would hurt us."

LaFontaine's absence gave Plante his shot, but it also makes it tougher for him to walk

"It probably wouldn't be such a big question if Patty was here." Plante said. "We're fighting for a playoff spot and I don't want to do

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Darius Kesperaitis sat Montreal's Kirk Muller down as the New York Islanders scored four goals on their first seven shots for a 5-3 victory over the Stanley Cup champions. That made it five victories in a row, over Philadelphia, New Jersey, Toronto and Pittsburgh.

we're lighting for a spot."

Still, Plante said, some of his earliest memories growing up in Dulnth, Minnesota, were watching the U.S. team shock the sports world by winning gold medal at the 1980 Olympics in Lake Placid, New York, He was 10.

"They were doing so well and I kind of got caught up in the whole Olympic thing," he said. "Those memories are in my mind and that's

what kind of makes the Olympics so special." Plante said the Olympics are a once-in-a-

"If I don't go, I have to live with myself that I didn't go," he said. "I don't want to look back and say, "I should have, could have, would have."

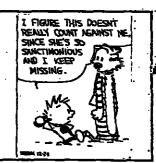
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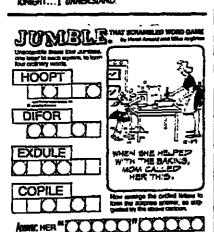








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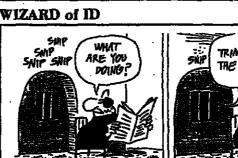
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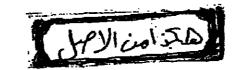


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FRANKFURT - Termis players are taking drugs and the sport's officials are hiding the fact, says three-time Wimbledon champion Bons Becker.

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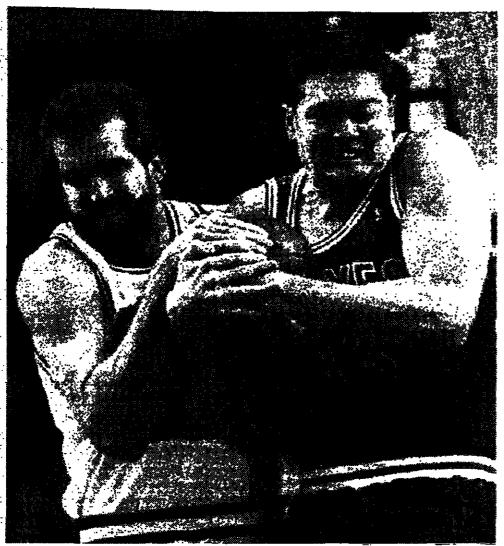
The tennis season is so long and grueling that many players need drugs to get through it, Becker says in the Christmas issue of the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung. The newspaper released excerpts Thursday.

"Why shouldn't there be doping in a sport where there is so much money?" Becker is quoted as saying.

He says it is "a joke" that no tennis player has been punished for drug abuse by the Association of Tennis Professionals. The ATP says it conducts

many drug tests and that no player has ever tested positive. Asked if he doubted that, Becker is quoted as saying: "Yes. I am not saying it had to be anabolic steroids, but coke, speed or marijuana, for sme."

"The question is whether the ATP would allow a positive drug test to come through, because the whole scene would fall into disrepute and the sponsors would really run away," he is quoted as saying. Becker says he has not taken



The Timberwolves's center Luc Longley, the only Australian playing in the NBA, wouldn't let Bill Wennington steal the ball, but that didn't keep the Bulls from winning their seventh straight game.

And With Tie in Mexico

Compiled by Our Stoff From Dispatches MEXICO CITY — World Cup champion Germany finished the year No. 1 in FIFA's rankings Thursday, a day after completing a disappointing North American tour with a scoreless tie against Mexico before 120,000 fans in Aztec Stadium.

Germany, which opens the World Cap against Bolivia on June 17 in Chicago, lost by 2-1 to Argentina last week in Miami and was unimpressive Saturday in a 3-0 victory over the United States.

• Tanju Colak, 30, Europe's top scorer in 1988 and 1990 with Galatasaray, was sentenced in Ankara to four years and eight months in prison for smuggling a Mercedes into Turkey. (AP. Reuters, AFP)

Germany Ends '93 No. 1, French Whitebread Crew Mutinies

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches FREMANTLE, Australia - Eric Tabarly. France's most famous yachtsman, came out of retirement Thursday to quell a mutiny in the Whithread Round the World Race.

Tabarly, 62, said in Paris he would take over from Daniel Malle on the maxi yacht La Poste at the request of the sponsoring French Post Office and "because Daniel asked me to."

Malle, a yachting instructor for the Post Office's sports club, would remain on the La Poste as an assistant to Tabarly, officials said. But most of the 14-man crew said Thursday they would refuse to sail on the third leg of the race, starting Jan. 9, if Maile stayed on board. "There are nine of us who will not continue

to sail with Daniel," said one crewmember,

Dominique Conin. "The decision is irreversible, it's not a whim." Malle said that "I've certainly made mistakes. My objectives were different from those

Tabarly has competed in three previous Whitbread races and won the single-handed Transatlantic race in 1964 and 1976.

La Poste now is third in the maxi class, behind New Zealand Endeavor and Merit Cup of Switzerland. Post Office officials, who spent 80 million francs (\$15 million) on La Poste, are said to be unhappy that it trails Merit Cup by 36 hours.

The French boat would be even further behind had it not been awarded a generous time allowance after going back to assist Brooksfield after the Italian boat damaged its rudder. (AFP, AP)

A Loss Returns to Haunt Indiana

Jacque Vanghn has now twice spoiled Bob Knight's day, Indiana's coach, looking for a youngster who could replace talented senior guard Damon Bailey, found a likely recruit in Vaughn. Unfortunately for Knight, Kansas' coach, Roy Williams, found him, too, and signed him.

Wednesday night, Vaughn stuck another dagger into Knight by sinking a 3-pointer in the last second of overtime to give the sixthranked Jayhawks a 79-76 victory over the 12th-ranked Hoosiers.

"That's what college basketball is all about," Vaughn said

"Sometimes," said Williams, who's been around a lot longer than Vaughn, "special people are put in special situations like that. Sometimes youngsters are given an opportunity to make big plays and Jacque made that. That was a shot and a prayer and it was answered. He'll remember that for the rest of his life."

There were several other memorable shots on an evening that more resembled the third week of the NCAA tournament than a week in

Cherokee Parks sank two free throws with 3.3 seconds left as No. 3 Duke held off Iowa to give the Blue Devils' coach, Mike Krzyzewski, his 400th victory.

No. 13 Arizona got a big 3-pointer from Reggie Geary with a minute to go and beat No. 18 Boston College in a semifinal game of the

Mani Invitational. Lamont Frazier made five free throws in the final 64 seconds as Missouri nipped No. 19 Illinois in triple overtime.

No. 11 Louisville needed an overtime as well before defeating No. 25 Western Kentucky, and No. 20 Cincinnati had to hang on to edge Miami of Ohio.

Bailey, held to six points in the first half, was spectacular in the second with 30 points, almost singlehandedly rallying Indiana (5-2) from a 39-30 deficit early in that period. And, having missed a 3pointer at the end of regulation, he made two free throws to give the Hoosiers a 72-70 lead at the start of overtime, then his jumper made it 83-83 with 18.3 seconds left.

No. 3 Duke 79, Iowa 76: Parks scored 18 points and Antonio Lang and Chris Collins each had 17 for Duke (6-0). Russ Millard scored 25 James Winters got 22 to help Iowa (5-2) cut a 52-34 deficit to 56-54, and the Hawkeyes trailed by only

71-68 with 21/2 minutes left. No. 5 Kentucky 100, Ohio St. 88: Kentucky (6-1) neutralized Ohio State's inside strength with the 3-

pointer, Tony Delk hitting 7-of-11 and Travis Ford 4-of-10, in the Maui Invitational's other semifinal. Ford finished with 27 points,

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

No. 11 Louisville 78, No. 25 W. Kentucky 73: DeJuan Wheat scored 24 points, with a 3-pointer at the start of overtime helping Louisville (5-1) avenge, barely, last

(3-2). Mike Fraliex had 24 points free throws. Given two reprieves, for Western Kentucky. Missouri (6-1) won at the free

No. 13 Arizona 70, No. 18 Boston College 65: The last of four ties was at 63-63 with 1:39 left on a tip-in by Arizona's Joe Blair. After Billy Curley, who led BC (7-1) with 19 connected from the left corner with 1:00 showing on the clock.

Missouri 108, No. 19 Illinois 107:

No. 20 Cincinnati 78, Mian Ohio 75: LaZelle Durden hit a 3pointer, Dontonio Wingfield a jumper and Keith Gregor two free points, missed a jumper with 1:14 throws in the last three minutes as left, Arizona (8-0) grabbed the rebound and called a timeout. Geary ami (3-3) closed to 65-63.

No. 21 Syracuse 81, Miami, Florida 52: Adrian Autry and Lawrence Moten each made four 3-pointers Freshman Kiwane Garris of Illi-nois (6-2) missed a chance to win in burying Miami (6-2), which had the game in the first overtime when led the Big East in shooting defense he was called for charging with four and scoring defense. Moten scored seconds left. With time expired in 23 points and Autry 20, while Steve the second extra period, Garris, a Rich had 25 for the Hurricanes.

NFL's Sanders Gets \$17.2 Million Pact

NEW YORK --- Four National Football League stars have became richer by signing contracts a day before the deadline for agreements designed to beat next season's salary cap.

Barry Sanders became the richest back in the league by signing a four-year, \$17.2 million contract Wednesday with the Detroit Lions. The yearly average of \$4.3 million exceeds the previous high

of \$3.6 million signed for earlier this season by Emmitt Smith of the Dallas Cowboys. Only two players, quarterbacks Steve Young of San Francisco and John Elway of Denver, make more than Sanders. Young gets about \$4.9 million a year, Elway about \$4.7 million.

Ernest Givins, who recently became Houston's career pass receiving leader, agreed to a three-year, \$5 million contract extension. His 481st catch, made last month against Pittsburgh, broke the Houston record set by Drew Hill.

All-Pro tackles Steve Wallace and Harris Barton, who protect Young, signed five-year, \$10.35 million contracts with the 49ers. The signings keep the tackles, like Young and wide receiver Jerry Rice, bound to the 49ers through 1997.

The signing of big-name, big-money players for long terms has become a priority for teams with big payrolls. The clubs had until Thursday to "front load" such contracts onto their 1993 payrolls before the salary cap takes over next season.

Mavericks Tie NBA's Loss Record

that's the reason for optimism."

NBA HIGHLIGHTS

Mashburn scored 29 points for

The Chicago Bulls, expected to free-fall through the National Basketball Association's standings without Michael Jordan, are not. The Dallas Mavericks, expected to improve with the arrival of Jamai Mashburn and Jim Jackson available the entire season, are not.

The Bulls won their seventh conond of 10 home games this season, secutive game, and 11th in 12 tries, got 21 points from Todd Day. as Scottie Pippen scored 26 points Wednesday night in a 106-98 dethe Mavericks, who would get anfeat of Minnesota. other chance to stop the streak

At the same time, Dallas was losing its 20th straight game, 96-86, to the Milwankee Bucks, matching Philadelphia's 1973 record for consecutive defeats in one season. The 1982 Cleveland Cavaliers lost 24 straight in a two-season span.

his left ankle in the game's fourth minute and didn't return, but re- chise record for consecutive road

this season, on Nov. 12.

optimism," insisted the Mavericks' minutes supported the 21 points by coach, Quinn Buckner. "We have feilow reserve Toni Kukoc. some people that we think are go-The Bulls have an 11-1 record

ing to be with us when we go for the since Pippen's return from an ankle whole deal down the road. I think injury. Christian Laettner, who scored 21 points, capped a 20-9 burst with The Bucks, winning just the seca free throw to pulling Minnesota

to 97-92 with 1:33 to go. But Kukoc

was fouled driving for the basket and his three-point play made it 100-92 with 1:14 left. Hawks 108, Celtics 103: Atlanta set a team record with its seventh straight road victory and 16th tri-Thursday night at Minnesota, umph in 17 games overall as Kevin where they won their only game

Willis scored a season-high 32 Bulls 106, Timberwolves 98: In Chicago, B.J. Armstrong sprained Stace Stacey Augmon had 19 points for Atlanta, whose previous fran-

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LONDON (AFP) — England rugby union manager, Geoff Cooke, said
Thursday he wants the Five Nations Championship turned into a two-

of some of the crew."

England, France, Ireland, Scotland and Wales in an attempt to provide more interest in the sport, Cooke said. "It should consist initially of the Five Nations plus Canada, which has

New York Mayor David Dinkins signed a new long-term lease for the expansion of the National Tennis Center in Queens, which will keep the U.S. Open tennis tournament in the city for at least 25 years. (NYT) Ken Hatfield, who coached six seasons at Arkansas, returned to the Southwest Conference as the football coach of Rice, He replaces Fred

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Expanded Five Nations Ranks Urged

Canada, Romania and Italy should be invited to compete along with

surely earned the right to be in such company. The first division will include the likes of Romania and Italy, and there will be promotion and relegation between the two divisions.

August Kirsch, 68, of Germany, a member of the IAAF council since 1981, died in Cologne's University Hospital.

(AP)

FOOTBALL POUT BALL

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DETROIT—Staned Sergel Federow, center,
to 4-year contract,
HARTFORD—Traded Jim McKenzie, left
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Safety on the Streets

M IAMI — Americans are very upset about crime, It has become such a serious problem that even the U.S. Congress has taken precious time away from campaign fund-raising to pass a tough anticrime bill, which will make the streets safer for decept, law-abiding citizens by imposing barsh mandaory minimum penalties on Senator Bob Packwood.

But government action alone is not the answer. I believe that, to fight this crime wave, we need to remember what our pioneer foreparents did when they were settling the Wild West, and there were few lawpersons around to defend civilans from the cattle rustlers and the gunslingers and the highwaypersons and the roving outlaw gangs of anway distributors.

In those days, ordinary civilians sometimes had no choice but to form posses, saddle up their horses and bring lawbreakers to justice at the end of the barrel of a gun. I Thanksgiving Day, some workers realize that what I'm about to say is were trying to fix a clogged toilet at highly controversial, but maybe it's a rental duplex, and they found A time we did the same thing. That's PERSON IN THE SEPTIC right: If the police can't protect us, then maybe it's time we exercised our constitutional right to keep and that it wasn't an accident, unless bear horses. A criminal is going to were talking about one of those think twice about entering your bedroom if he knows there's a but getting back to Commissionbedroom if he knows there's a norse in there. Especially if he (the er Perry and his wife: The Star-

Another option of course, is to buy a handgun. This is a controver-sial issue, so let me state out from that whatever YOU think about the handgun issue, it is my firm belief that you are 100 percent correct. But whatever opinion we jointly hold, we need to consider the implications of a handgum-related news item that was reported recently by Tom McNiff of the Ocala (Florida) Star-Banner.

This item, which I am not making up, describes a tragic incident involving a Marion County, Flori-ia, commissioner named Norm Perry, whose wife, Betty, was geting ready for a weekend visit to Miami. Needless to say, Norm was pervous about this, because Miami has a reputation for having a bad

AUDIENCE: How bad is it? It's so bad that this punch line has been stolen. (Rim shot, anvered by gunshots.)

Seriously, I happen to live in South Florida, and the crime situation down here is really not that bad, as long as you take certain basic precautions - locking your doors, avoiding poorly lit areas, moving to Idaho, etc. But life down here can be unnerving. For example, a while back we rented one of those warehouse storage lockers, so we could store some of our stuff in there for a couple of years before throwing it all away. The rental guy asked me to sign a piece of paper, and he said (this is

a real quote): "This just says you're not going to use it to store any, like, drugs or human bodies." I looked at him.

"You'd be surprised," he said.

You would be surprised. Here's another true Miami story: On TANK. Police don't know how the body got there, but it's a safe bet

criminal, also the horse) has new Banner reports that, at Commissioner Perry's suggestion. Mrs. Perry was planning to take a hand-gun with her to Miami. As she was packing, however, she discovered that the gun was jammed; so she brought it to Commissioner Perry. who was standing in front of his closes, deciding on what to wear. He was working on the gun when suddenly it went off.

You have probably already guessed. The bullet -in vet another of the senseless tragedies that we read about all too often these days went through nine of Commissioner Perry's dress shirts.

Those shirts are \$25 to \$30 apiece," he told the Star-Banner. A terrible waste, you say? Yes. But sometimes you must pay a price for vigilance. In today's very easily have been a criminal hiding in the back of Commissioner Perry's closet, planning to steal enough money to afford air fare to

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The Recordmeister and Astor Piazzolla

By Mike Zwerin mal Herald Tribina

DARIS - Astor Piazzolla, who had learned the hard way, taught Götz Wörner not to care about what people say. Even after he became Argentina's most important musical ambassador, his countrymen considered Piazzolla's "new tango" sacrilege. They called him a traitor for betraying the old tango. He received menacing phone calls. He was assaulted on the street. A taxi driver pulled over and said: "Piazzolla, get out of my cab."

Worner was in the process of learning that he could "do something I was told couldn't be done." Everyone was telling him it was impossible for a German company to market contemporary Latin American music, which could be difficult listening and which was a descendant of music the First World had molded into its own image and herded into an ethnic ghetto (remember the cha-cha). He had two problems. He did not agree with other people's definition of the possible and he loved the music.

Starting an eponymous record company in 1980 at the age of 18, he released an album by Sergio Vesely, Chilean singer-songwriter on the latti from Pinochet. He was working out of his parents' home in Pforzheim, in Germany's Black Forest, until his father told him to pay his own phone bills. Revolutionary Chilean music was not a cash cow. He rented an office in Heidelberg and traveled frequently to Paris, where the new tango was flourishing.

At the age of 24, he met Piazzolla, whom he had come to worship. Piazzolla in turn worshiped Igor Stravinsky and Gil Evans and had fused them with his roots, reinventing the tango. He was known and respected around the world by an elite cult of people with ears. While in his native Argentina, he was, and to an extent still is, accused of

la's sharp ninth chords in his ear. "Can I produce a record with you?" he asked him. Piazzolla had a tape of a recent concert. They rented a studio to listen to it. Worner was impressed. Piazzolla liked the kid's guts. "O. K.," he said, there and then just like that. "Let's do it."

abusing his culture. Worner walked around with Piazzol-

Piazzolla's "The Vienna Concert" has since sold 250,000 units and has become the locomotive of a little company that could. Wörner named it Messidor, after a month in the French revolutionary calendar. There are 30 choice contemporary Latin American albums in Messidor's catalogue. How can an independent record label thrive dealing peanut quantities — an average of 35.000 copies — of sophisticated polyrhythmic music in competition with the five market-dominating multinational giants flogging binary low-denominator soup by the millions? He "worked like a dog" and kept his overhead low. The term "Latin American" is like "African" when it

comes to music, conveniently homogenized diversity. Messidor's inventory covers the entire range from Andean folk music to Afro-Cuban jazz. There's one common strand. Worner had learned its name at the age of 21, when Piazzolla took him shark fishing off the coast of Uraguay. "There are only two kinds of music," Piazzolla said. "Good and bad."

"What is good music?" Wörner asked. "Everything that swings," his mentor replied, "Mozart

Worner went to Buenos Aires in 1983 to find a distributer for "The Vienna Concert." Nobody was interested in a German recording of the new tango. He was told he was crazy to put so much energy and money into "niche" are defectors. Wörner was sure that recordings of the best



Götz Wörner: Good music is everything that swings, including Mozart.

music." He could not understand it, he had already sold 40.000 copies in Germany alone. He had thought that the Argentines would be thrilled that for the first time Piazzolla's music was properly produced and packaged. But it was not in accord with their self-image. The Argentines preferred, or at least the record companies thought they did the old sentimental cliches with pseudo-sexy dancing

and plenty of brilliantine.

After Piazzolla had a stroke in Paris in 1990, the Argentine president, Carlos Saul Menem, sent his private plane to bring him back home to die. The press had been concentrating on the president's marital problems; it was suspected he only wanted to change the headlines. Piazzolla never liked Menem very much anyway.

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Worner, who was no specialist, became increasingly enthusiastic about South American music. He learned Spanish and traveled. The Cubans, he found, also mistreated their own music. Sound quality and packaging were awful. Worner produced high-tech digital recordings of Irakere, Gonzalo Rubalcaba, Paquito D'Rivera, Arturo Sandoval, Mario Bauza and Carlos (Patato) Valdés, who has the first perpussionist to true conce deverse so as to be was the first percussionist to tune conga drums so as to be able to bang out scales. Israel (Cachao) Lopec, whom Jaco Pastorious called "the best bass player in the world" and who Worner says invented the mambo rhythm, plays on Messidor's "40 Years of Cuban Jam Session." The actor Andy Garcia "discovered" Lopec languishing in Miami

not too long ago. Garcia plays congas on the album.

Worner records in expensive studios with the best
musicians he can find. Trouble is, most of the studios are in New York and Miami and the majority of the musicians

Cuban musicians would sell briskly in Cuban dollar culpan inuscians would sen on say in Cinear tenan tenan tenan stores. Cuba has one of the richest musical traditions in the world, with enormous export potential. It could do for Cuba what the the Beatles did for Britain. But the Cuban government does not want to know anything about it.

In the process of building a worldwide (Cuba excepted) distribution network with only three employees — head-quartered now in Frankfurt — Worner spends more time with international bankers and distributers than musicians. At least he can apply what he learned majoring in economics in Pforzheim. He devised a simplified royalty statement with numbers that add up without technocratic assistance. He pays top-of-the-line percentages. It may take five years to reach the break-even point, a major company would eighty-six the artist and remainder the stock long before that. But Worner has learned that the impossible takes a little while.

Along with Piazzolla, the most historic labelmate was the trumpeter-arranger Mario Bauza, who died at the age of 80 last July and was an éminence grise par excellence. Messidor has released three albums under Bauza's name. When Bauza was musical director of the Chick Webb orchestra in the '30s, he hired young Ella Fitzgerald ("A Tisket a Tasket"). He brought an unknown Dizzy Gillespie into Cab Calloway's trumpet section. Machito called him "my architect."

Bauza hired Piazzolla to play with Machito in the '50s, when the Argentine was unemployed and broke. Cubans asked what a bandonion was doing in a mambo band. "Astor," he told him. "Just go on doing your own thing. Don't worry about what people say. You're going to be very successful one day. Don't give up."

Spielberg, the Director: Recognition at Last

Steren Spielberg, snubbed by the Los Angeles and New York critics and the National Board of Review, finally won a nomination as best director in the annual Golden Globe Awards. Spielberg's "Schindler's List" and New Zealand director Jane Campion's "The Piano," both widely landed by film critics, were nominated in six categories, including best director and best film. James Ivory's "The Remains of the Day" and Martin Scorsese's "The Age of Innocence" were each nominated for both of those leading categories. The fifth nominated director was Andrew Davis for "The Fugitive," and the fifth nomination for best film was "In the Name of the Father." - □

Rap star Snoop Doggy Dog, cur-rently on bail of \$1 million after allegations that he was involved in a shooting that killed a trian in August, signed autographs and passed out Christmas presents to children at the Martin Luther King In. Drew Medical Center in Los Angeles. The rapper, whose real name is Calvin Broadus, has pleaded innocent to the murder charge.

The Grinch stole Christmas and Leona Helausley helped bring it back. The "Queen of Mean," currently finishing a 30-month taxevasion sentence in home confinement, and her husband. Harry, will ment, and the husband. Harry, will pay \$5,000 to help replace gifts stolen from a New York homeless sheher and will give \$20,000 for more gifts, said their publicist. With Randolph, a New York Yankees coach, put in an appearance at the shelter, bringing presents and Yankees help.

Apply early. The former Prince, who has adopted an unpronounce able symbol as his new name, is still looking for "the most beautiful girl in the world." A spokeswoman for the purple one says he has been immdated with responses, but it's not known whether he's looking for a bride, a new band member or the star of a new leature.

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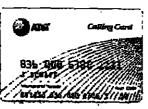
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